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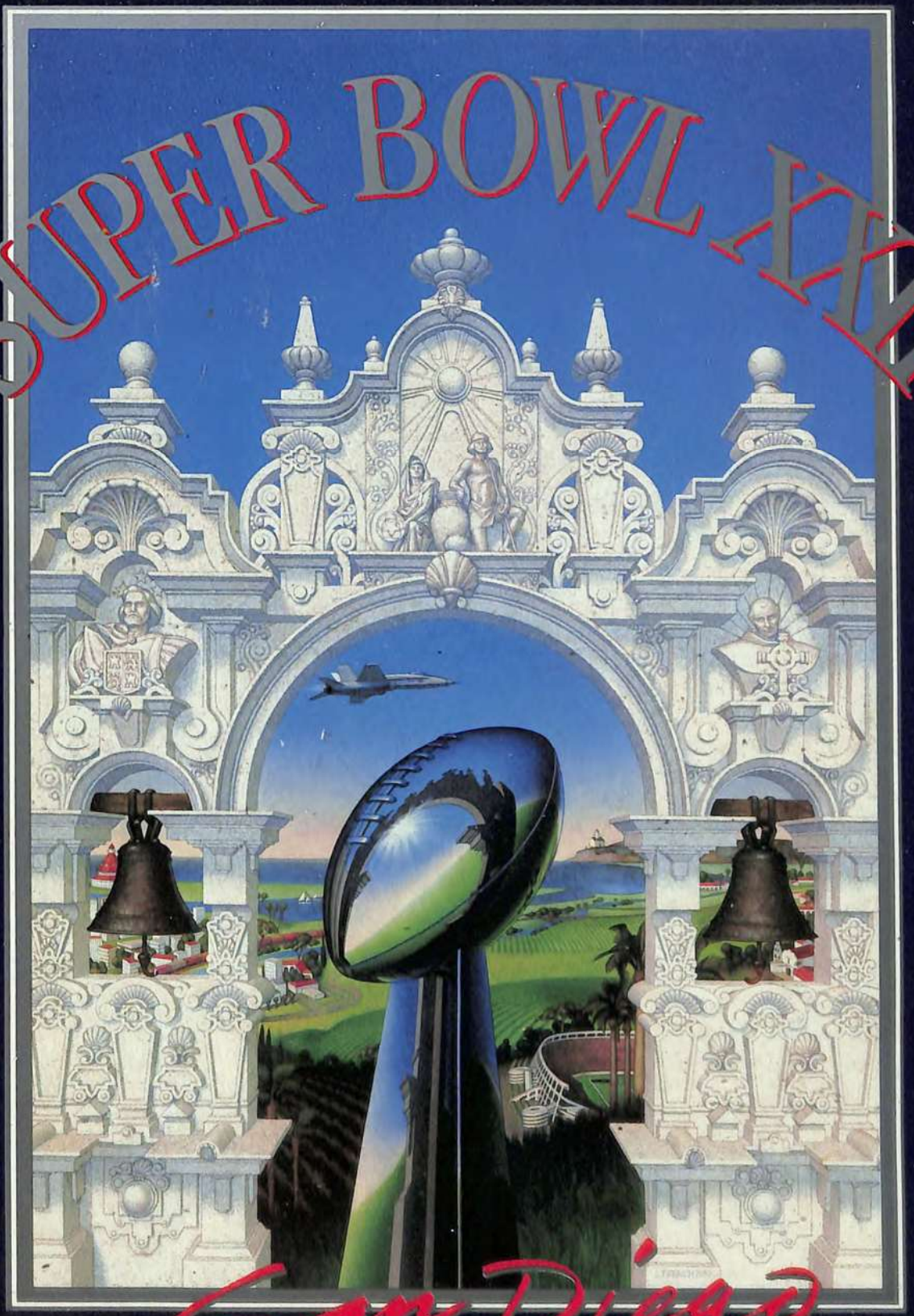

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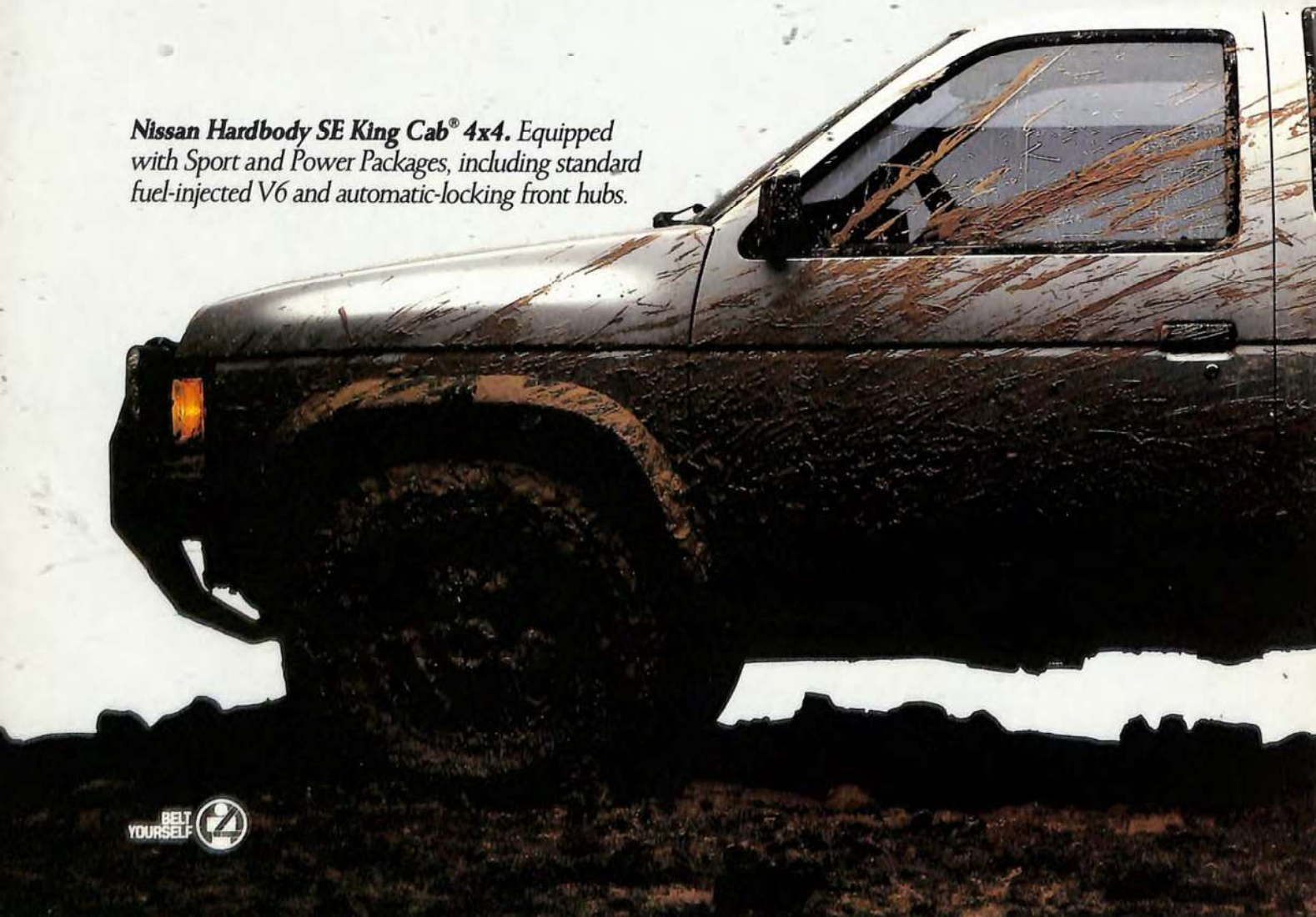

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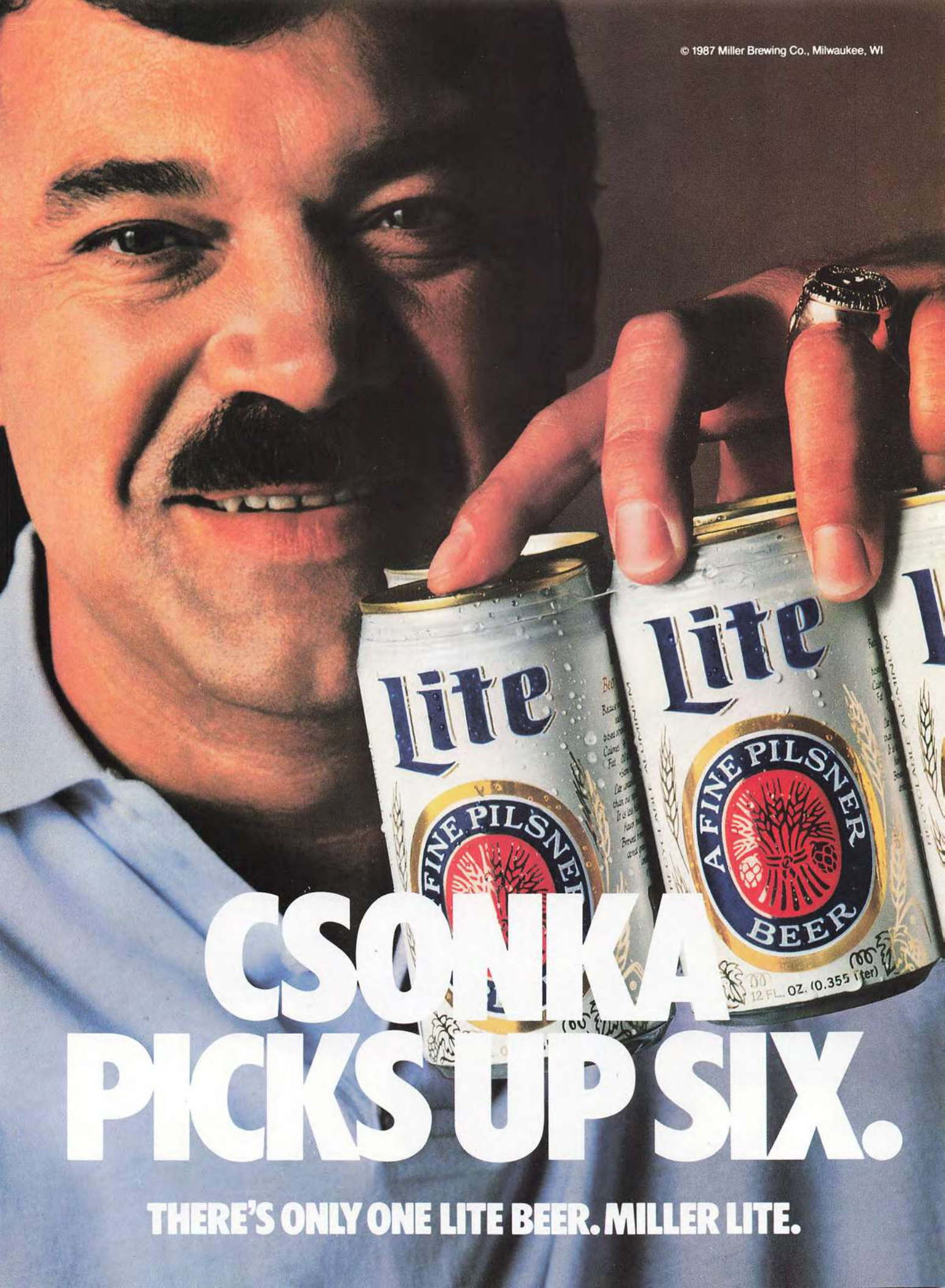

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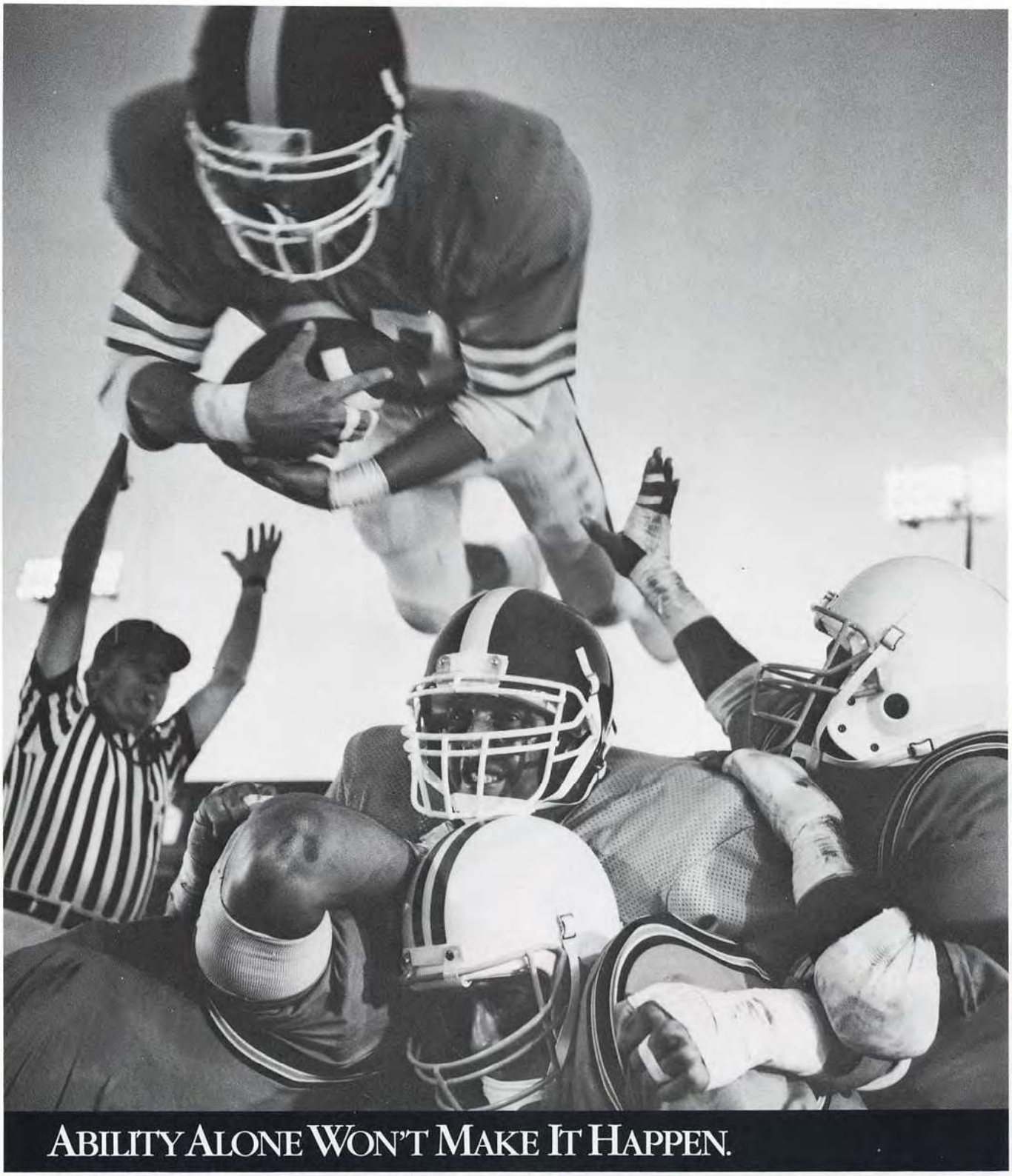

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Kickoff of Super Bowl XXII is scheduled for 3 P.M. (PST).

The AFC champion will be the home team for Super Bowl XXII and will use the south bench. The NFC champion will be the visiting team and will use the north bench. The AFC champion, as the home team, will have the choice of jersey color.

Television coverage of today's game on ABC will begin at 1 P.M. (PST) with the pregame show. The game telecast begins at 3 P.M.

CBS Radio goes on the air with its coverage of Super Bowl XXII at 2:45 P.M. (PST). Following the game there will be a one-hour call-in show for fans (dial 1-800-NFL-TALK).

Entertainer Bob Hope is saluted in the pregame show, which also features a flyover by the Navy's Blue Angels and the playing of the National Anthem by trumpeter Herb Alpert.

Radio City Music Hall Productions is presenting today's halftime music spectacular, which includes Radio City's famed Rockettes dance team and rock-and-roll great Chubby Checker.

If the game is tied at the end of the regulation 60 minutes, it will continue in sudden-death overtime. The team scoring first in overtime—by touchdown, field goal, or safety—will win. NFL preseason and regular-season games have a maximum of one 15-minute overtime period. But in postseason games, play continues by 15-minute periods, with two-minute intermissions, until there is a winner.

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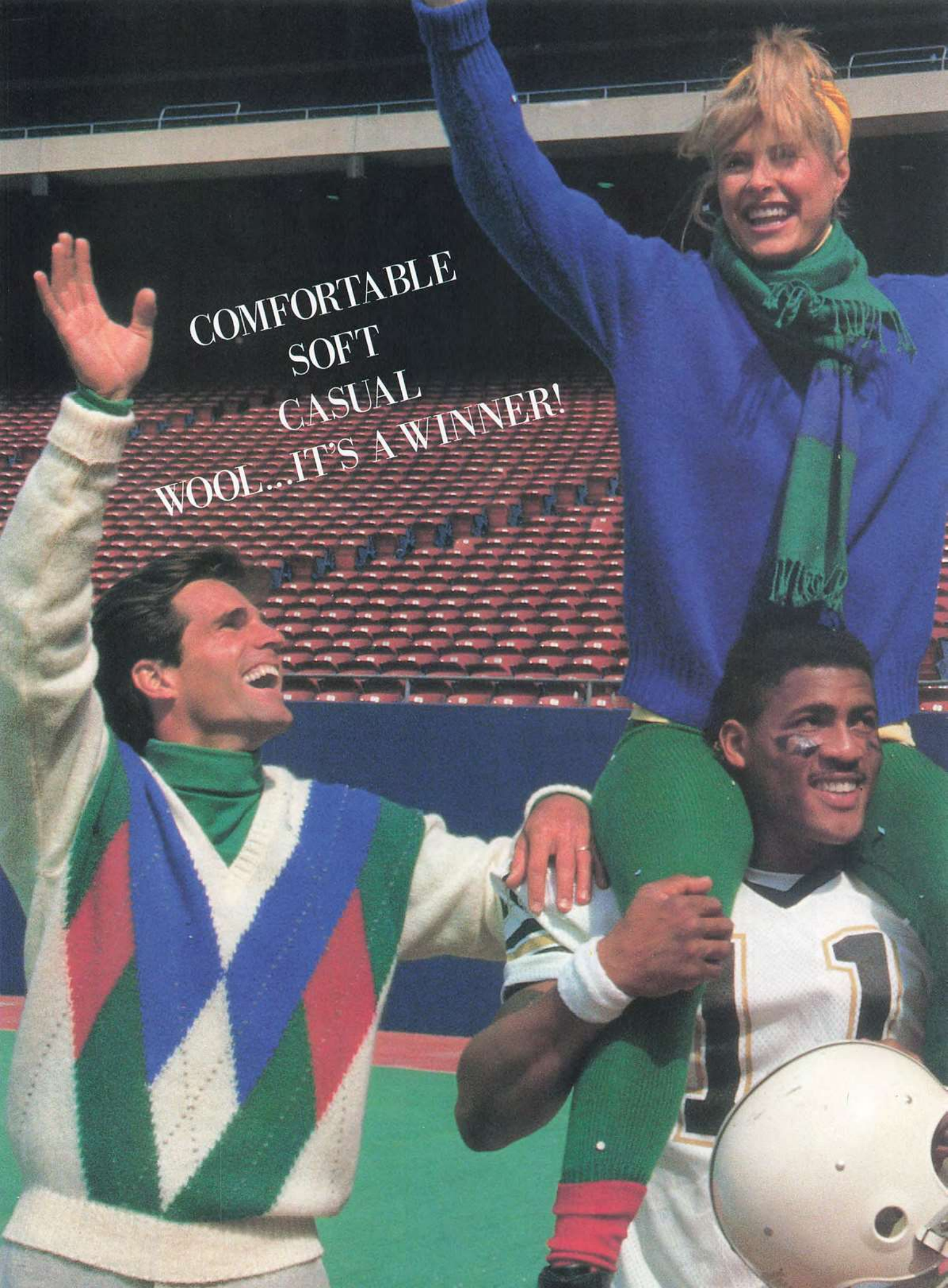
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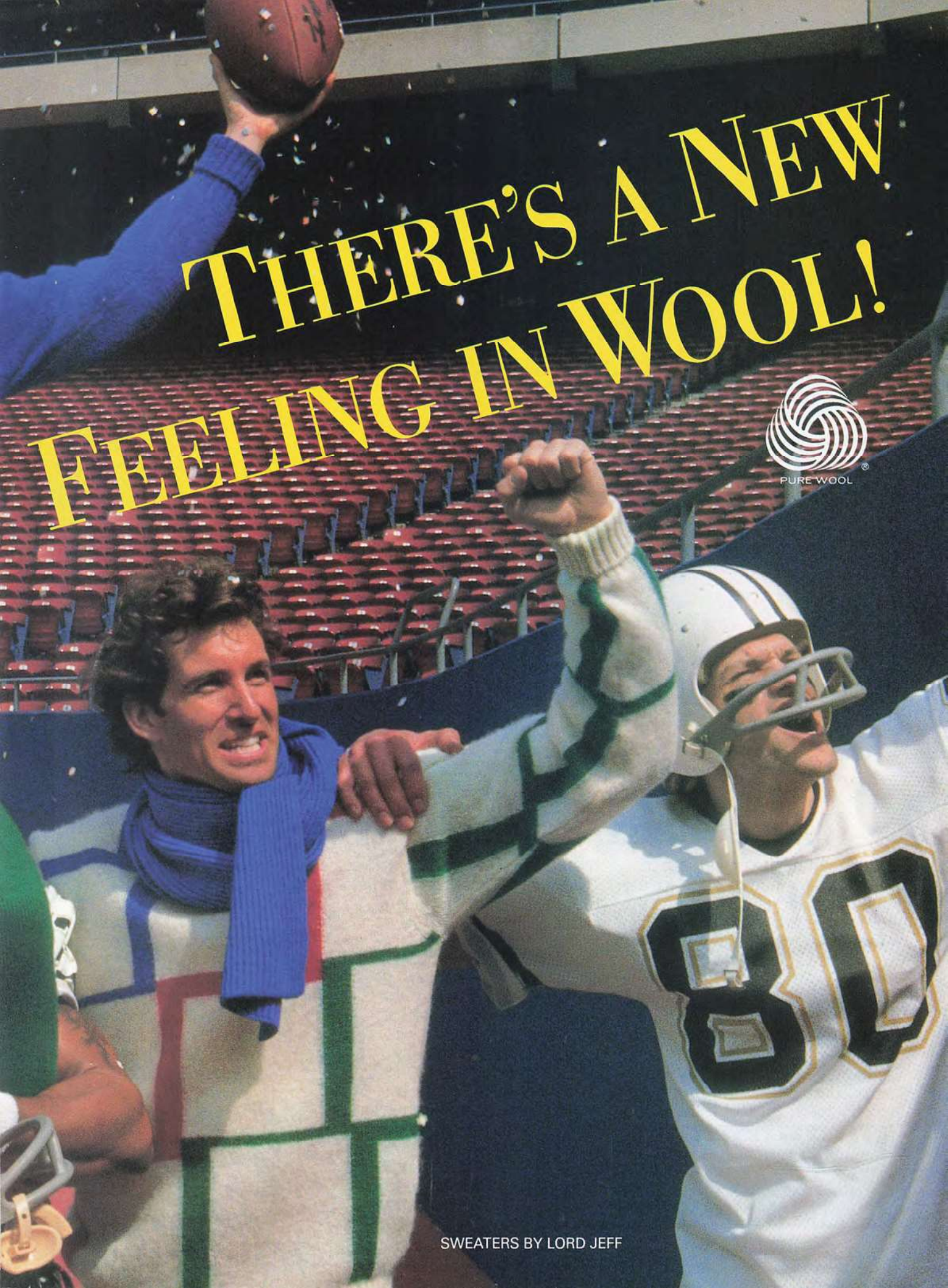
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By Jim Natal

A salute to Bob Hope kicks off Super Bowl XXII entertainment.

Hope Springs Eternal

Today's pregame show truly is special because it salutes someone who truly is special, Bob Hope.

Hope was born in England, but he has become a uniquely American institution. President John F. Kennedy called Hope "America's most prized ambassador of good will throughout the world." Hope has entertained millions of people on radio and television, on Broadway, and in more than 60 movies. He made invaluable contributions to American military morale through the USO shows he did from World War II through Vietnam. More recently, his anti-drug efforts through the foundation that bears his name—Hope for a Drug-Free America—have furthered his reputation.

The Bob Hope salute, created and produced by Dan Witkowski and MagicCom Inc. of Minneapolis, includes more than 25 singing and dancing celebrity lookalikes, 400 field performers, live animals, and scores of military personnel. The emphasis of the show is the music from various phases of Hope's career and songs he popularized, such as "Thanks for the Memories," "Buttons and Bows," "De-Lovely," and "Silver Bells." Super Bowl fans also will be treated to a piece of original music entitled "Hats Off to Hope" and an appearance by Hope himself.

Hope's football roots go deeper than simply a love of the game. He has hosted several corporate All-America team television specials, and at one time he was a part-owner of the Los Angeles Rams. The pregame show, the third such Super Bowl show by executive producer Bob Best, finishes with a flourish: a 40-yard-long American flag made from balloons, a joint military color guard, a stadium flyover by the Navy's Blue Angels, and the National Anthem played by trumpeter Herb Alpert.

A&M Records' Herb Alpert.

In Good Hands

Don Hutson was a player ahead of his time. The former Alabama All-America was a 1980s-style receiver—fast, with great moves—in the NFL of the 1930s and 1940s. Hutson used his vanguard talents to become the dominant receiver of his day. As an end for the Green Bay Packers from 1935-1945, he led the NFL in receptions eight seasons (five of them in a row), led in scoring five times (consecutively), and caught 99 career touchdown passes—all records that still stand. His mark of 95 consecutive games with at least one reception lasted for more than 20 years. He also excelled as a defender (he led the league in interceptions in 1940) and as a kicker. Hutson was named as an end on the NFL's 50th Anniversary Team in 1969, and to the charter class of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

Today, on his seventy-fifth birthday, Hutson gets to share the field with the type of players he presaged, as he tosses the coin prior to kickoff.

"It is quite an honor and I appreciate it," says Hutson of his ceremonial duties, "especially when you consider the people who have been chosen to do it previously."

Another honor recently bestowed upon Hutson was the 1987 NFL Alumni Career Achievement Award, presented annually to deserving former NFL players who have demonstrated the higher values of football through their playing careers and afterward.

Hutson, an avid golfer who now lives in the San Diego area, says his football abilities haven't helped his golf. "I wish I could say they have," he says, "but they haven't."

GEORGE BARTELL

Don Hutson, the legendary pass receiver of the Green Bay Packers, receives the 1987 NFL Alumni Career Achievement Award from Hall of Famer Bill Dudley.

A Grand Halftime

Everybody loves a piano, and Radio City Music Hall Productions has assembled the largest number of pianos ever used for one performance, 88, for its first Super Bowl halftime show. They will be the centerpiece of Radio City's song-and-dance spectacular, entitled "Something Grand," which was developed by Radio City's senior producer/creative director of special events, Barnett Lipton.

Heading west for the extravaganza will be the Rockettes (*photo, above*), Radio City Music Hall's precision dance troupe famed for their high kicks. The Rockette line, which usually numbers 36 members, has been expanded to 44 for this Super Bowl halftime show.

Adding excitement to the spectacle will be 1,500 additional singers, dancers, and musicians, including a 400-piece swing band made up of musicians from USC and San Diego State and assembled by USC's Dr. Arthur Bartner, 300 Jazzercise dancers, and an all-star drill team. All that, plus a convoy of classic 1950s convertibles, the world's biggest juke box, giant 45 RPM records, *and* rock music legend Chubby Checker, who will add a new twist to the "goodtime" halftime show.

"Radio City's flair for producing entertainment on a grand scale is a natural for the Super Bowl halftime," says executive producer Wayne Baruch. "We have designed an event that includes everybody, from the spectators in the stands to the families watching at home."

There's a special story behind the scenes of every Super Bowl halftime show, and this one is no different. The 88 pianos needed some very talented hands to play them, so in early December Radio City's production staff traveled to southern California on an intensive talent search. Local pianists were auditioned and then selected with the help of area universities, music schools, and music teachers. The finalists playing on the field today represent the finest young keyboard artists in the San Diego area. ●

Something Grand

Executive producer: Wayne Baruch
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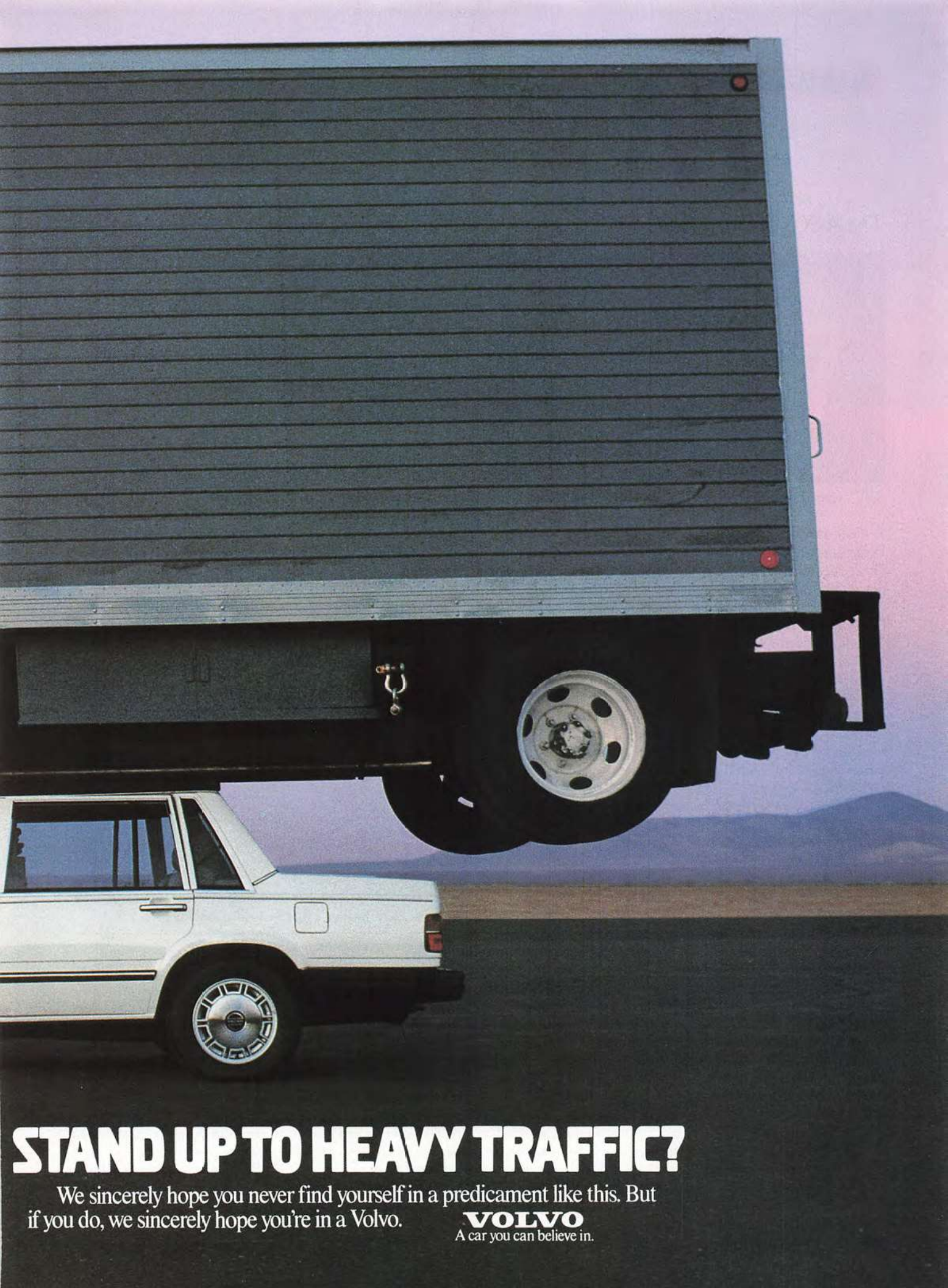

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The army of more than 200 is from ABC Television, which is telecasting its second Super Bowl game (the first was Game XIX). The network's technical staff, producer Ken Wolfe, and director Larry Kamm, is joined by the Monday Night Football announcing crew of Frank Gifford, Al Michaels, and Dan Dierdorf. Also appearing on the telecast will be pregame, halftime, and postgame hosts Keith Jackson and Bob Griese, and reporters Jack Whittaker, Lynn Swann, Jim Hill, Becky Dixon, and Mike Adamle.

ABC's telecast of Super Bowl XXII begins at 1 P.M. (PST) with a pregame special. The game broadcast begins at 3 P.M. More than 25 cameras will be used in the telecast, as well as one in a blimp, one in a helicopter, and a remote-controlled camera on a goal post. There also will be 15 cameras in such remote places as Beijing, China, Tecate, Mexico, on the America's Cup-winning Stars and Stripes yacht and the aircraft carrier *Constellation* in the waters off San Diego, and other sites.

ABC expects Super Bowl XXII to be seen by more than 120 million people on 222 television stations in the U.S. and by people in more than 50 foreign countries and U.S. territories, along with all U.S. overseas military personnel.

Who Was Jack Murphy?

SAN DIEGO UNION

Jack Murphy is the only sportswriter ever to have a major stadium named after him. But that stadium, the one that is the site for Super Bowl XXII today, might not have been built, nor would there have been professional teams to play in it, without his leadership and vision.

Murphy, the sports editor for the *San Diego Union* for 29 years (until he died of cancer at 57 in 1980), was instrumental in pushing the city of San Diego into the big leagues. He was founder of the Greater San Diego Sports Association in the late 1950s, was a major factor in drawing the AFL Chargers to San Diego from Los Angeles in 1961 (and later attracting the Padres, NBA basketball, and the Holiday Bowl), and was a key voice in persuading San Diegans in 1966 to vote approval for the stadium that was completed in 1967.

"Jack gained great success in a highly competitive field because of his sensitive and stylish writing," said NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle after Murphy's death. "But his integrity made him a bigger winner as a man."

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Fireworks over the house that bears Murphy's name.

Radio Days

CBS Radio's package of Super Bowl programming culminates in today's live broadcast of Super Bowl XXII, which features play-by-play man Jack Buck and analyst Hank Stram. The 20-part "Road to the Super Bowl" series began January 5. The two-minute "Road" reports have been heard each weekday before the game. On Friday of Super Bowl week,

CBS RADIO

Jack Buck and Hank Stram

Brent Musburger and Jimmy (the Greek) Snyder combined on a Super Bowl preview. Musburger also will be host of CBS Radio's pregame and halftime segments. Following the game broadcast, which begins at 2:45 P.M. (PST), former Super Bowl-winning head coach Stram will host "NFL Talk," a postgame talk show co-anchored by sportscaster Jim Nantz in the CBS studios in New York. The one-hour show will include game highlights, interviews, plus listener calls (dial 1-800-NFL-TALK). ●

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- A Friday night party in the streets of the city, between Horton Plaza and Seaport Village, thrown by downtown merchants and a number of civic organizations;

- Two Mexican Fiestas, one centered in picturesque Old Town on Saturday afternoon, featuring an array of ethnic entertainment, Mexican food, a reenactment of an 1800s military encampment, and free tours through Old Town's historic parks and museums; and a second fiesta from Wednesday through Sunday across the border in Tijuana's main marketplace;

SAN DIEGO ZOO

- A special display of two giant black-and-white pandas from the People's Republic of China at the world-famous San Diego Zoo;
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Super Bowl Datebook

The next Super Bowl, XXIII, will be played on January 22, 1989, at the NFL's newest facility, Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami, which opened for play this past season.

Super Bowl XXIV is scheduled for January 28, 1990, at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

The silver anniversary game, Super Bowl XXV, will be played January 27, 1991, at Tampa Stadium in Tampa, Florida.

Super Bowl Golf Classic: Torrey Pines vistas and a good cause.

Tee Time

Marion Motley kept his championship tradition alive last year at Super Bowl XXI. The Pro Football Hall of Fame fullback was the celebrity captain of the team that won the Buick Super Bowl Golf Classic in Pasadena, California.

This year's tournament, the fourth edition of the annual charity event, was played on Thursday of Super Bowl week at Torrey Pines Golf Course in La Jolla. With more than 200 participants, the most ever, the tournament required use of both of the scenic seaside Torrey Pines courses. Tournament coordinator Nick Nicolosi and celebrity host Joe DiMaggio presided over six-person teams of sports celebrities, journalists, and amateur golfers.

The tournament proceeds support a worthy cause, the NFL's Dire Need Fund, which provides financial assistance to former NFL players from the league's early years.

LONG PHOTOGRAPHY

Top 1986 tight end Todd Christensen accepts his award.

Lunar Laureates

For the first time ever, Saturday night's NFL Alumni Player of the Year Awards dinner was televised, as a one-hour special on the USA Network.

The highlight of the annual NFL Alumni event was the announcement of the NFL Alumni Player of the Year Award winners—the 11 finest players at their respective positions as chosen by several generations of NFL Alumni members voting for the positions they once played.

Also recognized during the program were the recipients of the NFL Alumni's Old Hero Award, presented to individuals who have proven outstanding role models for American youth. This year's winners were the 12 astronauts who have walked on the moon: Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin, Neil Armstrong, Alan Bean, Eugene Cernan, Charles Conrad, Charles Duke, James Irwin, Edgar Mitchell, Harrison Schmitt, David Scott, Alan Shepard, and John Young.

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Victory's Legacy: The Vince Lombardi Trophy

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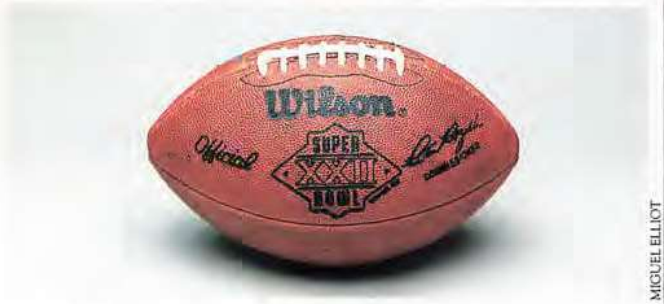
The Super Bowl trophy that will be presented to the winner of today's Super Bowl game is almost identical to the trophy that head coach Vince Lombardi and his Green Bay Packers won at Super Bowls I and II in 1967 and 1968. The trophy still is made from sterling silver, stands 20 inches high, weighs seven pounds, and is based on a 1966 design by Oscar Riedener of Tiffany and Company.

There is one difference, however, and it is a significant one: Today, the NFL's championship trophy bears Lombardi's name. The legendary coach died of cancer in 1970. The name of the trophy was changed to honor him prior to Super Bowl V.

Following the locker-room presentation at Super Bowl XXII, the Vince Lombardi Trophy will be returned to Tiffany for final engraving of the names of the competing teams and the score. The trophy then becomes the property of the winning team.



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Super Prolate Spheroid

The ball used on the field at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium will be a special Super Bowl XXII commemorative model. Manufactured by the Wilson Sporting Goods Company of Ada, Ohio, the ball will feature special graphics. One side of the football displays the Super Bowl XXII logo. The other side has the names of the competing teams, the date, and the site. Otherwise, the ball has the same dimensions, weight, and designated "prolate spheroid" form as the regulation NFL game ball used throughout the season. A limited number of these Super Bowl XXII commemorative footballs will be available for sale in retail stores in the San Diego area.

The Lamar Hunt Trophy

JIM CORNFIELD

The George Halas Trophy

In Conference

By the time they get to the Super Bowl, the AFC and NFC representatives already will have new additions to their trophy cases symbolizing their conference championships. The AFC's championship trophy is named for conference president, AFL founder, and Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt. The NFC's trophy is named for one of the founders of the NFL, former coach and owner of the Chicago Bears, the late George Halas.

The Hunt and Halas trophies were designed by artist Don Weller. They are football-shaped with a raised frieze depicting game action, and are set on a chrome and rosewood base. Each has a three-dimensional conference monogram emblem.

The trophies are presented in the winner's locker room after the conference championship games. The trophies were awarded for the first time following the 1984 season.

Giant Rings

The Giants had to wait until May for the final spoils of their Super Bowl XXI victory, but it was worth it. At a private ceremony at Giants Stadium following a minicamp, New York players and staff were presented with their Super Bowl rings.

The crown of the the Giants' 10-karat gold ring includes 1.2 carats of diamonds. The design features a 10-karat white gold crest in the shape of the Vince Lombardi Trophy set on a barrel-shaped blue spinel. A ¾-carat diamond forms the football in the trophy; nine additional diamonds are encrusted in the trophy's base. The year "1986" and the words "Giants—World Champions" surround the spinel base stone.

One side, or shank, of the ring is personalized with the player's name, and has a Giants helmet and the team's season record, 17-2. The other shank displays the final score of Super Bowl XXI, 39-20, and features miniature replicas of the Super Bowl XXI logo, the Lombardi Trophy, and the NFC championship trophy.

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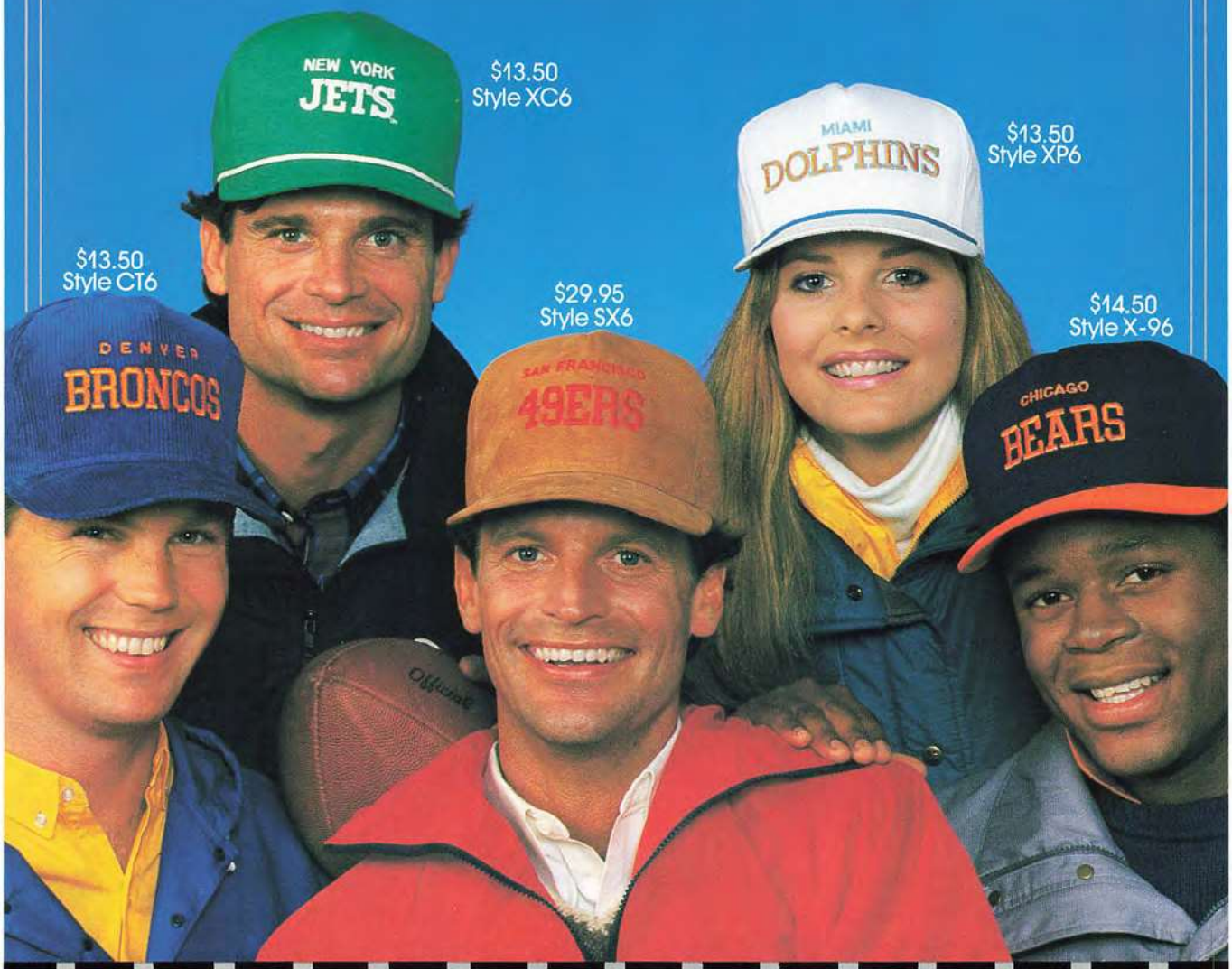

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WARM-UP

AWARDS

The MVPs: Phil Simms

Quarterbacks just don't get much hotter than the New York Giants' Phil Simms in Super Bowl XXI. "I felt good when we were warming up before the game," Simms says. "I was telling the guys, 'I've got it today.' "

He wasn't kidding. Simms completed 22 of 25 passes (88 percent), including a Super Bowl record 10 in a row, for 268 yards and three touchdowns. He was named the game's most valuable player as the Giants defeated Denver 39-20.

"[His performance] ought to dispel any myths about Phil Simms," New York head coach Bill Parcells said. "He was magnificent."

Simms was a controversial number-one draft pick by the Giants out of Morehead State in 1979. Often injured during the first five years of his career, his statistics read more like a hospital chart than a passer-rating equation. In 1984, he stayed healthy for a full season and was able to move in as the Giants' starting quarterback. He broke Y.A. Tittle's club record with 4,044 yards passing that season, and helped New York gain the playoffs as a wild card team. The Giants repeated as an NFC wild card in 1985, Simms leading them to their first consecutive winning seasons since 1962-63. Then came the 17-2 NFL championship season of 1986 and total vindication—for the Giants' scouting department and Simms's belief in himself.

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Giants quarterback Phil Simms, Super Bowl XXI MVP.

"After all I've taken over the years," Simms said after Super Bowl XXI, "this makes everything worth it."

Super Bowl Results/MVPs

I Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10
MVP: Bart Starr, QB, Packers
II Green Bay 33, Oakland 14
MVP: Bart Starr, QB, Packers
III N.Y. Jets 16, Baltimore 7
MVP: Joe Namath, QB, Jets
IV Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7
MVP: Len Dawson, QB, Chiefs
V Baltimore 16, Dallas 13
MVP: Chuck Howley, LB, Cowboys
VI Dallas 24, Miami 3
MVP: Roger Staubach, QB, Cowboys
VII Miami 14, Washington 7
MVP: Jake Scott, S, Dolphins
VIII Miami 24, Minnesota 7
MVP: Larry Csonka, RB, Dolphins
IX Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6
MVP: Franco Harris, RB, Steelers
X Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17
MVP: Lynn Swann, WR, Steelers
XI Oakland 32, Minnesota 14
MVP: Fred Biletnikoff, WR, Raiders
XII Dallas 27, Denver 10
MVPs: Harvey Martin, DE/ Randy White, DT, Cowboys
XIII: Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31
MVP: Terry Bradshaw, QB, Steelers
XIV Pittsburgh 31, L.A. Rams 19
MVP: Terry Bradshaw, QB, Steelers
XV Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10
MVP: Jim Plunkett, QB, Raiders
XVI San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21
MVP: Joe Montana, QB, 49ers
XVII Washington 27, Miami 17
MVP: John Riggins, RB, Redskins
XVIII L.A. Raiders 38, Washington 9
MVP: Marcus Allen, RB, Raiders
XIX San Francisco 38, Miami 16
MVP: Joe Montana, QB, 49ers
XX Chicago 46, New England 10
MVP: Richard Dent, DE, Bears
XXI N.Y. Giants 39, Denver 20
MVP: Phil Simms, QB, Giants

The Summing Up

With the perspective of another completed NFL season, it is the time to honor excellence. To that end, four corporate-sponsored NFL award programs will be announcing their winners during the playoff tournament and at the Super Bowl.

The Travelers' NFL Man of the Year award honors the player who has distinguished himself with his play on the field and with his dedication to community-service activities off the field. A $25,000 charity fund is established in the name of the Man of the Year winner; $1,000 funds are set up in the names of each of the 28 team nominees.

The Miller Lite/NFL Lineman of the Year award honors the outstanding offensive and defensive lineman from the 1987 season. Donations of $25,000 are made to the charities specified by each of the two winners.

The Old Spice NFL Rookie of the Year program selects the season's top new player from a group of four finalists. The winner becomes the namesake of a $25,000 charity fund. Each of the three other finalists has $3,000 donated to charity in his name.

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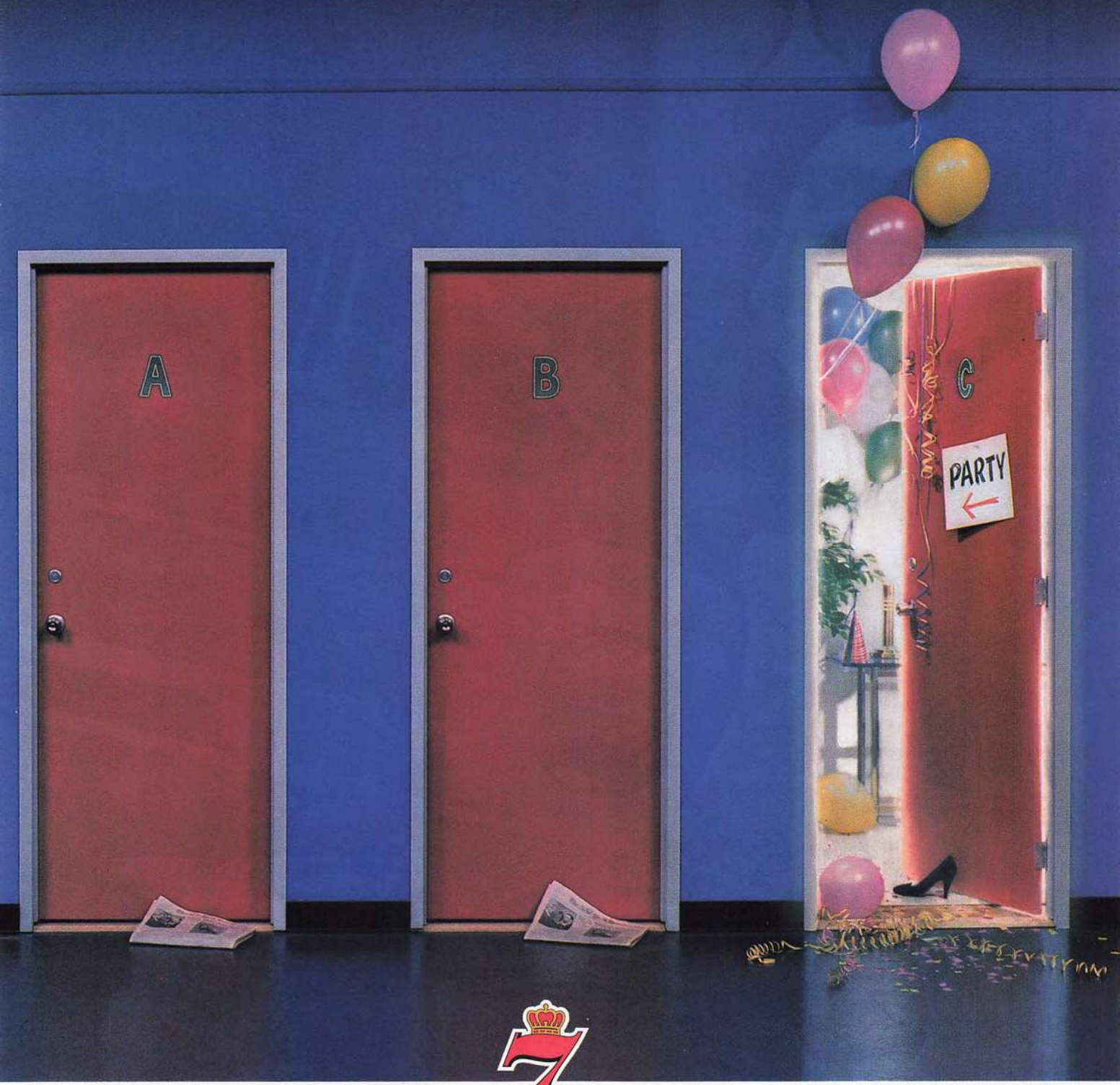

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WARM-UP

By Ted Brock

TRIVIA

Back-to-Back-to-Back-to-Back

Two running backs have taken advantage of their teams' back-to-back Super Bowl appearances and repeated as the Super Bowl's leading rusher two games in a row. Coincidentally, the top rushers performed their back-to-back feats in four consecutive Super Bowls. Miami powerhouse Larry Csonka was the top rusher of Super Bowl VII with 112 yards on 15 carries. At Super Bowl VIII, Csonka set records with his 33 carries for 145 yards. He also scored two touchdowns and was named the game's most valuable player. However, Pittsburgh's Franco Harris upped the record ante the very next season with his own MVP performance, carrying 34 times for 158 yards and one touchdown in Super Bowl IX. Harris and the Steelers were back in Super Bowl X. Harris's production dropped to 82 yards on 27 carries but it was enough to lead all other rushers that day. Harris, by the way, is the Super Bowl's all-time career leading rusher with 354 yards on 101 attempts. He scored four times.

BILL SMITH

Swann got to celebrate twice.

San Diego Stadium Revisited

Because Super Bowl XXI was the fourth to be played in Pasadena's Rose Bowl, the question naturally arose: Has any player scored in both a Rose Bowl game and a Super Bowl game played in the Rose Bowl?

The answer is yes. Wide receiver Lynn Swann scored for USC on a 10-yard pass in its 42-17 victory over Ohio State in the 1973 Rose Bowl, and seven years later scored for Pittsburgh on a 47-yard pass in its 31-19 victory over the Los Angeles Rams at the Rose Bowl in Super Bowl XIV.

Granted, this year's Super Bowl may not offer the same historical possibilities, but going into the 1987 NFL season, 15 current NFL players had scored in the Holiday Bowl, played at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium since 1978. The list:

Phil McConkey, Giants (Navy); Jim McMahon, Bears (BYU); Eric Lane, Seahawks (BYU); Marc Wilson, Raiders (BYU); Eric Dickerson, Colts (SMU); Craig James, Patriots (SMU); Vai Sikahema, Cardinals (BYU); Tom Holmoe, 49ers (BYU); Tim Spencer, Chargers (Ohio State); Mike Tomczak, Bears (Ohio State); Shaun Gayle, Bears (Ohio State); Steve Young, 49ers (BYU); Lee Johnson, Oilers (BYU); Bobby Joe Edmonds, Seahawks (Arkansas); Mark Vlasic, Chargers (Iowa).

Tony's Best Move

The only player ever to come from a national collegiate championship team in one season to a Super Bowl champion in the next was Dallas Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett, a member of Pittsburgh's 1976 NCAA champions and the Cowboys' Super Bowl XII winners.

Second Helpings

By scoring four points (one field goal, one extra point) in New England's loss to Chicago in Super Bowl XX, kicker Tony Franklin became the second player to score for more than one team in the Super Bowl. The first was kicker Jim Turner, who made three field goals and one extra point in the New York Jets' 16-7 upset of Baltimore in Super Bowl III and then nine years later, hit a field goal and an extra point in Denver's 27-10 loss to Dallas in Super Bowl XII. Coincidentally, in his first Super Bowl appearance, Franklin also made a field goal and an extra point for Philadelphia in the Eagles' 27-10 loss to Oakland in Super Bowl XV. For what it's worth, the 27-10 scores in games XII and XV are the only duplicate scores in the first 21 games.

TAK MAKITA

Stabler followed Starr, Namath.

Trivia Mix XXII

In the last three Super Bowls, the teams that have begun the scoring, all with field goals, have gone on to lose, and heavily—Miami by 38-16 to San Francisco, New England by 46-10 to Chicago, and Denver 39-20 to the New York Giants. . . . In Super Bowls XV through XX, all six winning quarterbacks' first names began with the letter J, a streak even John Elway of Denver couldn't keep alive . . . . Three schools share the lead in Super Bowl starting quarterbacks produced, with three each: Alabama (Bart Starr, Joe Namath, Ken Stabler); California (Craig Morton, Joe Kapp, Vince Ferragamo); and Notre Dame (Daryle Lamonica, Joe Montana, and Joe Theismann) . . . . The New York Giants' victory in Super Bowl XXI marked the third time that teams from the same city had won baseball's World Series and the following Super Bowl. The Giants' coupling with the Mets joined Baltimore's victory in Super Bowl V (Colts and Orioles) and Pittsburgh's in Super Bowl XIV (Steelers and Pirates). ●

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WARM-UP

By Jim Natal

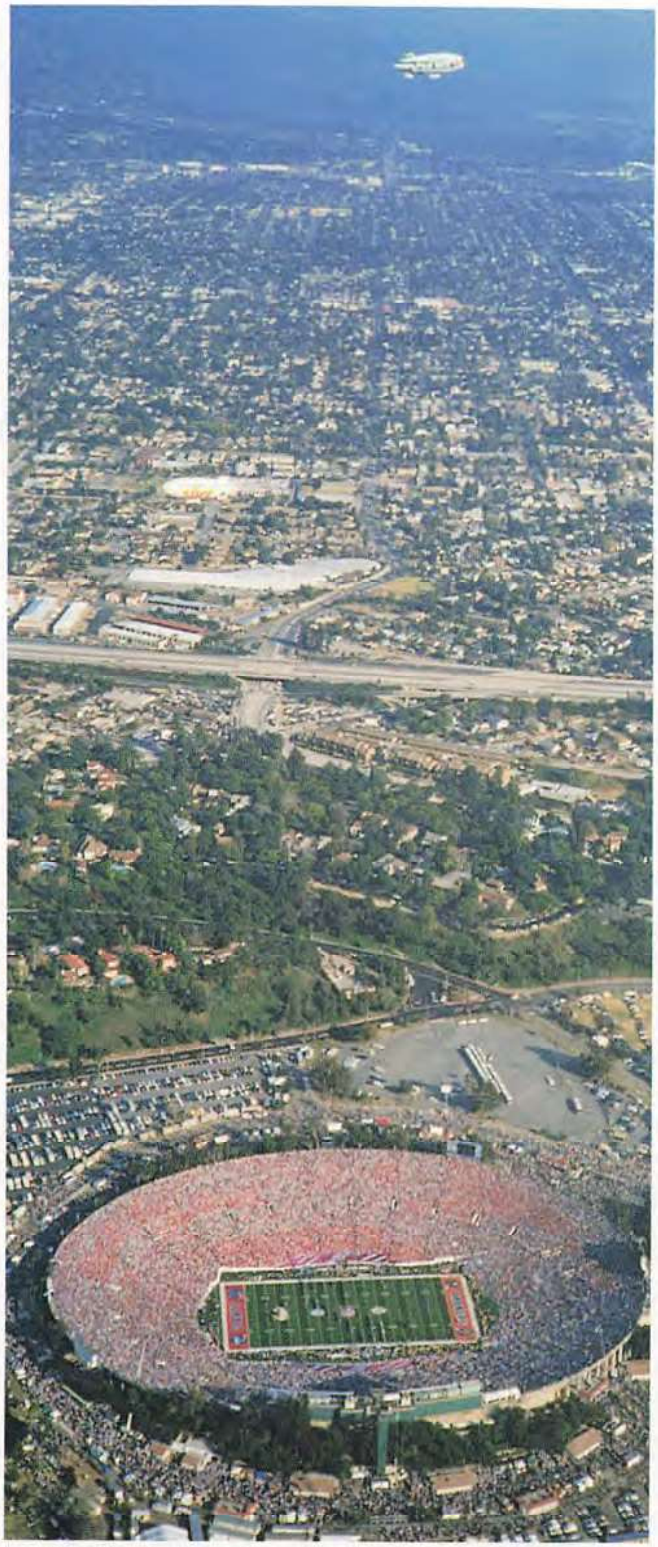
TOP FUN *A Blimp's Eye View of the Super Bowl*

On the Friday night before Super Bowl XXI, there was a pep rally for Denver Broncos fans in a downtown Los Angeles hotel. "Orange Fever" noticeably went up a few degrees. Throughout the lobby I was stopped by fans in various stages of orange dress and undress and asked if I had extra tickets. They didn't care if they were on the 50-yard line or in the end zone, just as long as they were somewhere within the Pasadena city limits. Given that criterion, my ticket didn't qualify. And, anyway, it wasn't for sale at any price. My seat for Super Bowl XXI was 2,500 feet in the air, circling above the Rose Bowl in the Goodyear blimp, Columbia.

Takeoff was at noon on Super Sunday from the Goodyear Airship Operations base in Gardena, California, not far from Long Beach.

As I walked across the field toward the blimp, I was surprised that it seemed smaller than I expected. Don't get me wrong, it's still plenty big—192 feet long, 59 feet high, and 50 feet wide, swelled by 202,700 cubic feet of helium inside a rubber-coated polyester fabric skin. But when you see blimps lumbering along low in the sky, they look enormous beyond scale. Maybe it's part of the romance of airships.

Senior pilot Charlie Russell, Jr., and I climbed up a small ladder into the car, as the passenger compartment is called. Though the blimp normally has room for six passengers, there only was room for two due to the night sign equipment that was being carried for flashing messages after dark. I sat down in the forward co-pilot's seat and noticed that there were no seat belts. I chose not to speculate on the reasons why.



Looking like whales at play, other blimps lazily circle above Pasadena's Rose Bowl and Super Bowl XXI.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM NATAL

The lead man on the ground crew gave Russell the signal to rev up the twin 210-horsepower, six-cylinder engines. The rest of the ground crew held on to the mooring ropes, keeping the blimp in position near the pylon to which it was tethered. The crew chief gave another signal and all lines were released. The blimp angled up sharply and we were away, trailing two lead lines. (The procedure is reversed for landing, the ground crew snagging the lead lines on the run, steadying the blimp, then walking it across the field to the mooring pole.)

"Floating on a cloud" was how aerial photographer Baron Wolman described flying in the blimp to me. He was right. But it's a noisy cloud. The feeling is the way you'd imagine it: smooth and steady, cruising along at a pleasant clip, but not so fast that you don't have time to linger over views of the world passing below.

There were some spectacular views on that late January afternoon. The morning haze was burning off, and, as we ascended above it, the mountains that ring the Los Angeles basin thrust up onto the horizon—the snowcapped San Gabriels to the north and east, the low, arid Santa Monicas and Hollywood hills off to the northwest.

"Would you like to fly it?" Russell asked.

"Are you kidding?" I said. "Absolutely!"

We switched places. To me,

The tethered Columbia is readied for Super Sunday.

the instrument panel was a baffling array of switches and gauges. But compared to, say, an F-16, where the pilot is merely an auxiliary computer system, the blimp's controls are downright low-tech. There are two large pedals for the rudders that regulate the airship's right and left direction. Along the right side of the seat, and looking like the wheel of a wheelchair, is the elevator wheel that controls up and down movement.

I once steered a 95-foot motor yacht and that is exactly how piloting the blimp felt, with the added dimension of elevation thrown in. Slow to respond at first, it takes strong pressure to correct direction once momentum is gained going one way.

We cruised along at about 35 miles per hour at an elevation of 1,700 feet, using the freeways as guides. In the distance, the Rose Bowl popped into view, another of the three blimps that would be at the game already circling above it. As we approached, we rose to 2,500 feet to give the television blimp adequate clearance, throttled back, and began the first of many laps.

The third blimp arrived and got into line, following our lazy, concentric course. Every so often the pilots would decide to change direction, clockwise to counterclockwise or vice-versa, and the three airships would perform synchronized mid-air pirouettes, each seeming to stand still and turn on a central axis.

"I remember when our sister ship from Texas was here during the Olympics," said Russell, who has logged many hours over major sporting events. "It was great having company up here. We must have looked like two whales playing."

Traffic was beginning to back up near the stadium and at the parking lot entrances. Fans were collecting near the entry gates, slowly turning the stands into distinct orange-colored Denver and blue-colored New York rooting sections. At nearby Brookside Golf Course, corporate tailgate parties were in full swing, their white tents billowy mushrooms on the grass.

Senior pilot Charlie Russell, Jr., leans out the car's window. The wheel beside his right hand controls elevation.

To Super Bowl veterans among the partygoers down there, the Goodyear blimp must have seemed a familiar part of the festivities. It has appeared at all but four Super Bowls (missing only Games III, IX, XII, and XVI), and carried network television cameras aloft for 10 Super Bowl games. At Super Bowl X, the blimp even had a starring role in the climactic scene of the film *Black Sunday*, which was being shot on location at the Orange Bowl during the game.

Helicopters zipped back and forth in the air below us, the radio chatter between their pilots and landing pads filling my headset. By the time the teams took the field for pregame warm-ups, air traffic near the stadium had increased. But it was nothing compared to the density of aircraft at kickoff. In addition to the three blimps, we counted eight airplanes towing advertising banners, and a skywriter. We lost track of the number of helicopters.

At one point, Russell gestured out the open side window at the snarl above the stadium. "Ever seen an aerial dogfight?" he asked. It looked like a cross between *The Blue Max* and, thanks to the swarm of planes trailing banners, a Chinese kite festival.

I followed the game action through binoculars and listened to the game broadcast over the radio headset. The players were tiny and I couldn't see the ball on pass plays or field-goal attempts, but some of the seats I've had at rock concerts have been worse.

Talk about skyboxes! My vantage point in the blimp provided a once-in-a-lifetime view of the spectacle of the Super Bowl. By the way, card stunts look outstanding from the air; daytime fireworks don't. But more than anything else, what struck me was the perspective I gained on football in general and what a wonderful game of patterns it is: the regular spacing of players across the field as they warm up and stretch before the game, one team mirroring the other, each on its own half of the field; the pregame drills as the teams break up into separate units with movements as precise as a marching band's; the formal symmetry of the team captains approaching each other at the center of the field for the coin toss; and the individual sets and alignments of every play, streams of players ebbing and flowing with the fluidity of ocean tides.

Catching the lead lines, the ground crew walks the blimp to and from its mooring pylon on takeoffs and landings.

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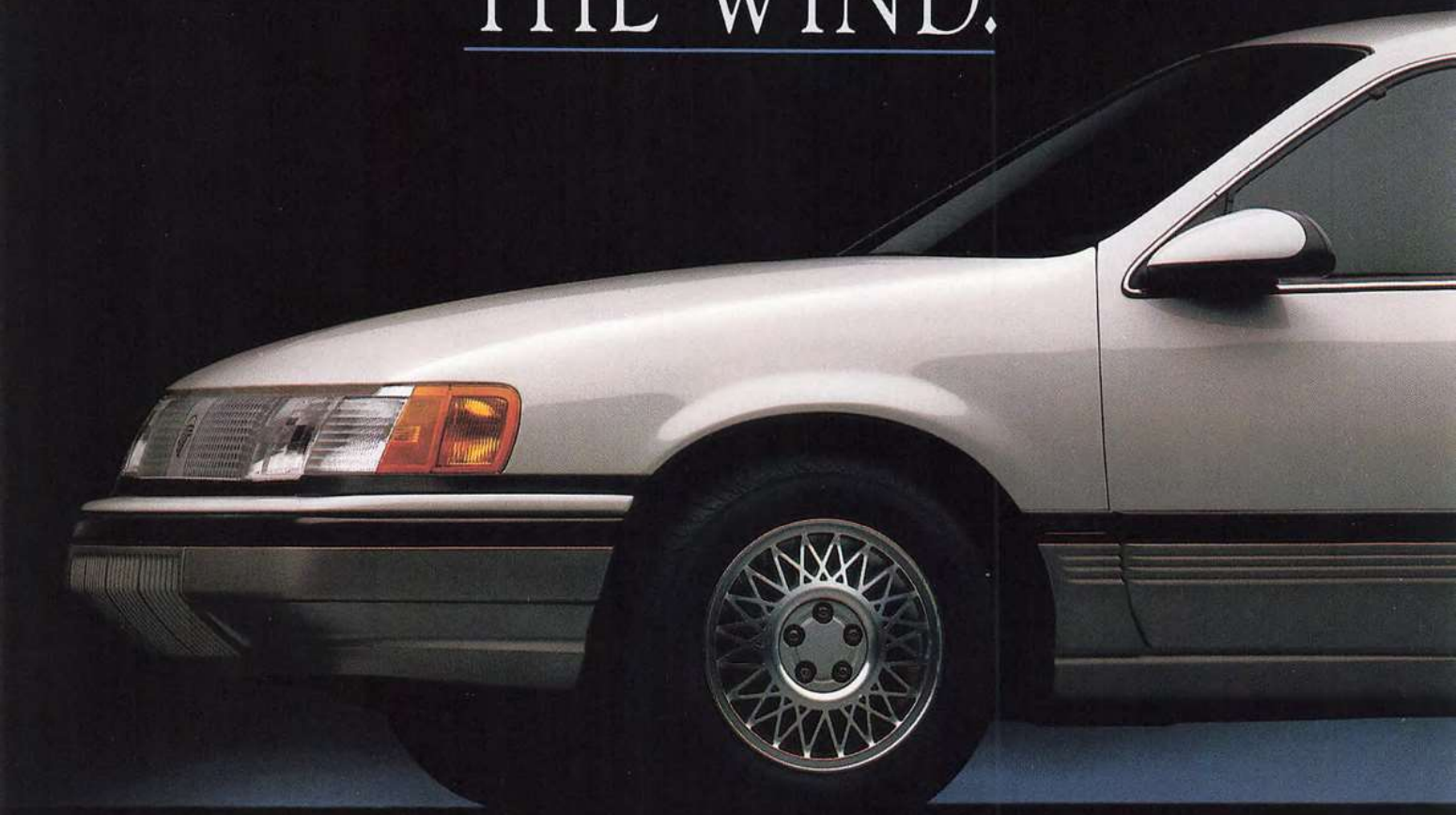

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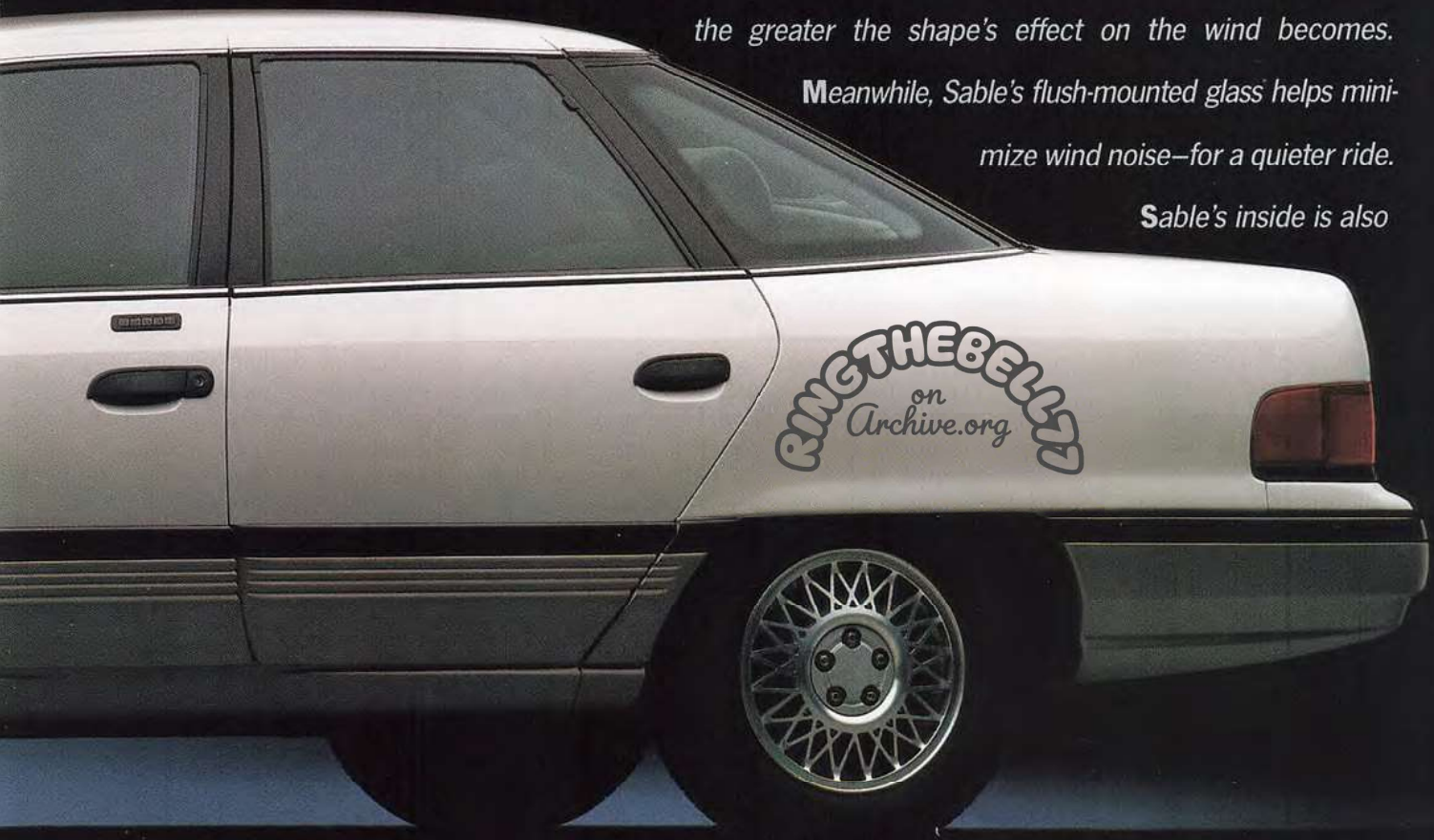

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WARM-UP

By Bill McGrane

INSIGHT *Ready. . . or Not*

The guard wasn't aware of waking up, but he was worrying about the reach block on the tackle in an over-defense, so he knew he was awake.

He turned to find his watch on the night stand and the bed creaked. They'd moved the night before. Both Super Bowl teams had been in prominent hotels through the week, but the night before the game they both were moved into "seclusion."

"We don't know where it will be," the club guy had explained at a mid-week meeting. "But they'll move us to a small, quiet hotel the night before the game. . . get us closer to the stadium and away from the crowd."

The team had arrived just before 8 P.M. . . . to find the smallish lobby of the smallish hotel full of pennant-brandishing fans.

There was another thing smallish about the secluded hotel. . . the beds. The guard's feet hung over the end and the elderly mattress that held his 283 pounds bowed up on each side.

It was 6 o'clock in the morning, and the California dawn was soft and golden, not yet diminished by the gray filter the day would bring.

"Hey, Beck. . . you awake?"

The guard's roommate, who played swing tackle, groaned distantly, his head half-covered by a pillow.

"No."

But the tackle stirred in his bed, pushed the pillow aside, then groaned again. "I think my back's broke. What's in these mattresses anyway, oatmeal?" The tackle was bigger than the guard.

DON WELLER

"I don't like that reach when they go to an over," said the guard. "I don't know if I can get there quick enough."

The tackle cleared his throat loudly.

"Well, if you can't, the league's best running game and the league's best rusher are going to be embarrassed . . . and you'll probably get scolded."

The guard was sitting up now, toes curled against a cold tile floor.

"I ain't kidding," he said. "It's a lousy block, and I got no kind of angle."

"So it's lousy," the tackle replied. "Nothing new about that. But if you can make it, we get a chance to spring Thomas and put some serious hurt on 'em." He shrugged. "Not many people good enough to make that block, but you're one of 'em."

The Super Bowl gets media coverage of avalanche proportions, but guards usually remain relatively safe in their anonymity.

This one had until Thursday, when a TV personality did a bit with him in desperation, when the scheduled tight end wasn't available.

The TV reporter led with a question about how hard a lineman's job was.

He hadn't agreed.

The TV reporter was taken aback briefly, but pressed on.

If playing offensive line wasn't hard, what was?

He had answered by talking about his father. He'd told how his father had worked 24 years for the phone company—24 years of climbing poles to make repairs, and never mind if it was 90-degree weather or a below-zero wind chill. That, he had said, was hard. . . and the pay wasn't near what he made and there wasn't any crowd there, cheering, when his father did a good job.

The interview had been picked up for national feed by a network.

The guard got off the bed and limped stiffly to the bathroom. He had ripped something in his arch in week 10. There wasn't anything they could do about it until the off-season, so he kept on playing. Offensive linemen play with injuries. You don't get beat on through preseason and regular season and playoffs without them. Playing offensive line, you get injured just as surely as you get wet when you go out in the rain.

When the guard came out of the bathroom, the tackle was snoring faintly.

This was their second trip to Super Bowl, but he still disliked the week leading up to the game. It was hard to stay normal.

It wasn't a normal game, and anybody who told you it was was crazy.

At home, the offensive line always went to dinner together on Wednesday nights. They'd done it here, too, but as soon as they'd been seated in the restaurant, people had started coming over in waves, so they ate quickly and left.

Once the game started, he told himself, they'd be fine.

And once again, he worked to ignore the niggling doubt he awakened with a short time ago.

He wondered briefly if the defensive tackle, who was in a similar hotel not far away, was awake and thinking about him.

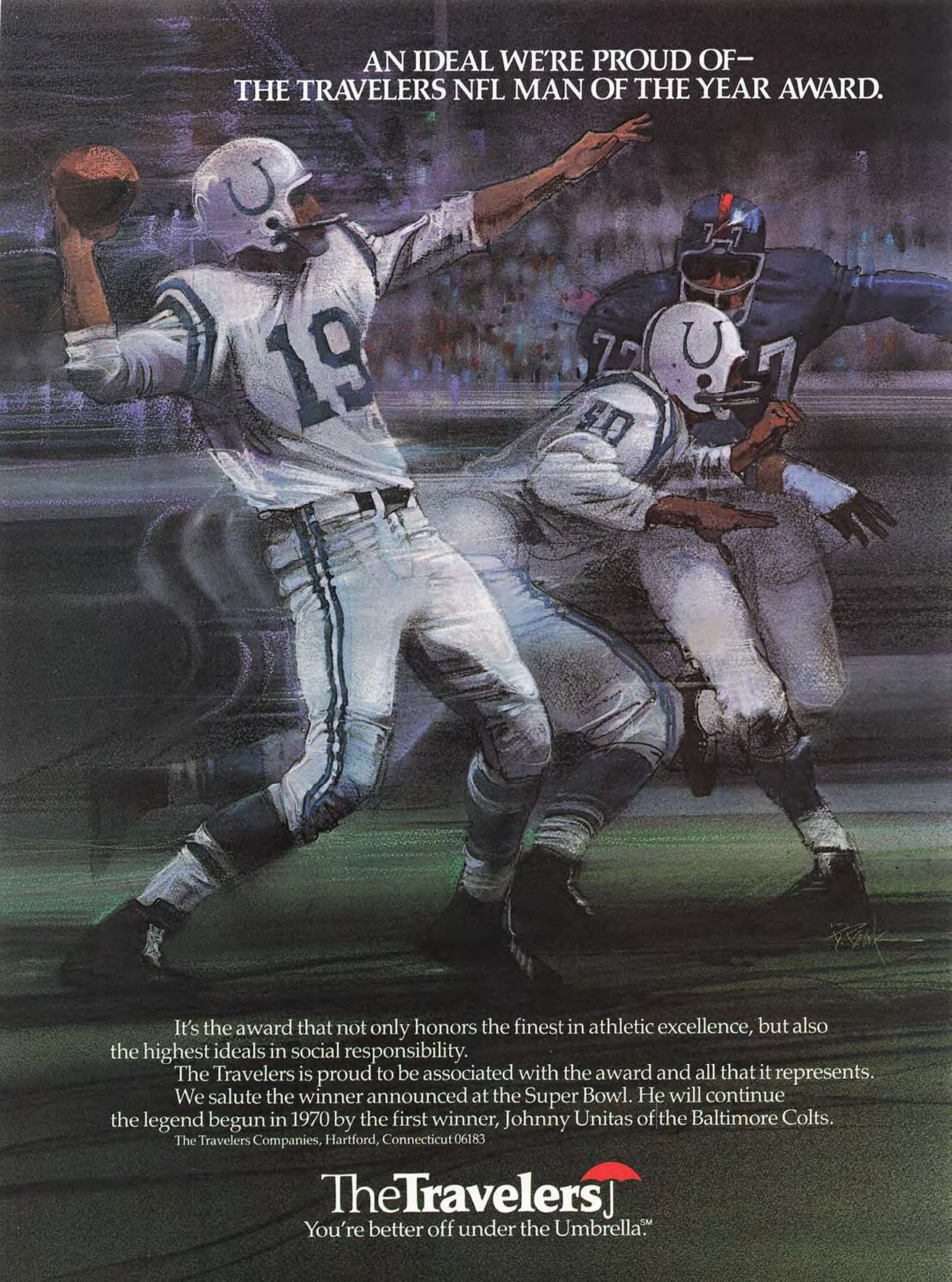
Soon enough, though, he dismissed the defensive tackle.

"Later, baby," he said to himself.

Then he pulled on a pair of jeans and sat, barefoot, on their smallish balcony. Birds were greeting the day as he opened the black-covered folder containing their game-plan and willed himself to study. He didn't hear the birds.

Discipline is the bedrock under an offensive line.

But the reach block still looked tough. ●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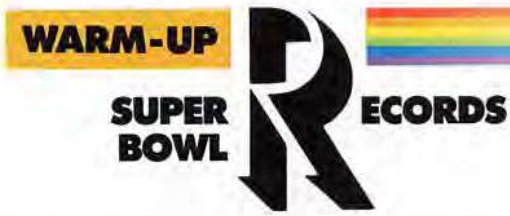

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Service

Most games
- 5 Marv Fleming, Green Bay, I, II; Miami, VI, VII, VIII
- Larry Cole, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- Cliff Harris, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- D. D. Lewis, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- Preston Pearson, Baltimore, III; Pittsburgh, IX; Dallas, X, XII, XIII
- Charlie Waters, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- Rayfield Wright, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- 4 By many players

Most games, winning team
- 4 By many players

Most games, coach
- 6 Don Shula, Baltimore, III; Miami, VI, VII, VIII, XVII, XIX
- 5 Tom Landry, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- 4 Harry (Bud) Grant, Minnesota, IV, VIII, IX, XI
- Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV

Most games, winning team, coach
- 4 Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV
- 2 Vince Lombardi, Green Bay, I, II
- Tom Landry, Dallas, VI, XII
- Don Shula, Miami, VII, VIII
- Tom Flores, Oakland, XV; Los Angeles Raiders, XVIII
- Bill Walsh, San Francisco, XVI, XIX

Scoring

Most points, career
- 24 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (4-td)
- 22 Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 2 games (7-pat, 5 fg)

Most points, game
- 18 Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX (3-td)

Most touchdowns, career
- 4 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (4-r)
- 3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games (3-p)
- Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games (3-p)
- Cliff Branch, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 3 games (3-p)
- Roger Craig, San Francisco, 1 game (1-r, 2-p)

Most touchdowns, game
- 3 Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX (1-r, 2-p)
- 2 Max McGee, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (2-p)
- Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (2-r)
- Bill Miller, Oakland vs. Green Bay, II (2-p)
- Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII (2-r)
- Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI (2-r)
- John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII (2-p)
- Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV (2-r)
- Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (2-p)
- Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (2-p)
- Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (2-r)
- Jim McMahon, Chicago vs. New England, XX (2-r)

Most points after touchdown, career
- 8 Don Chandler, Green Bay, 2 games (8 att)
- Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh, 3 games (9 att)
- Chris Bahr, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 2 games (8 att)
- 7 Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 2 games (7 att)

Most points after touchdown, game
- 5 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (5 att)
- Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII (5 att)
- Chris Bahr, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (5 att)
- Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX (5 att)
- Kevin Butler, Chicago vs. New England, XX (5 att)

Most field goals attempted, career
- 7 Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh, 3 games
- 6 Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets-Denver, 2 games

Most field goals attempted, game
- 5 Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
- Efren Herrera, Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most field goals, career
- 5 Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 2 games (5 att)
- 4 Don Chandler, Green Bay, 2 games (4 att)
- Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets-Denver, 2 games (6 att)
- Uwe von Schamann, Miami, 2 games (4 att)

Most field goals, game
- 4 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
- Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XVI

Longest field goal
- 48 Jan Stenerud, Kansas City vs. Minnesota, IV
- Rich Karlis, Denver vs. N.Y. Giants, XXI

Most safeties, game
- 1 Dwight White, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX
- Reggie Harrison, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X
- Henry Waechter, Chicago vs. New England, XX
- George Martin, N.Y. Giants vs. Denver, XXI

Rushing

Most attempts, career
- 101 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 64 John Riggins, Washington, 2 games

Most attempts, game
- 38 John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Most yards gained, career
- 354 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 297 Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games

Most yards gained, game
- 191 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

Longest run from scrimmage
- 74 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (TD)

Highest average gain, career (20 attempts)
- 9.6 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders, 1 game (20-191)
- 5.3 Walt Garrison, Dallas, 2 games (26-139)

Highest average gain, game (10 attempts)
- 10.5 Tom Matte, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Jets, III (11-116)

Most touchdowns, career
- 4 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 2 Elijah Pitts, Green Bay, 1 game
- Jim Kiick, Miami, 3 games
- Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games
- Pete Banaszak, Oakland, 2 games
- Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders, 1 game
- John Riggins, Washington, 2 games
- Jim McMahon, Chicago, 1 game

Most touchdowns, game
- 2 Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
- Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII
- Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
- Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
- Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
- Jim McMahon, Chicago vs. New England, XX

Passing

Most attempts, career
- 98 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
- 89 Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games

Most attempts, game
- 50 Dan Marino, Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Most completions, career
- 61 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
- 49 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most completions, game
- 29 Dan Marino, Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Highest completion percentage, career (40 attempts)
- 66.7 Joe Montana, San Francisco, 2 games (57-38)
- 63.6 Len Dawson, Kansas City, 2 games (44-28)

Highest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
- 88.0 Phil Simms, N.Y. Giants vs. Denver, XXI (25-22)

Most yards gained, career
- 932 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 734 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
- 331 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Longest completion
- 80 Jim Plunkett (to King), Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (TD)

Highest average gain, career (40 attempts)
- 11.10 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games (84-932)
- 9.62 Bart Starr, Green Bay, 2 games (47-452)

Highest average gain, game (20 attempts)
- 14.71 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. L.A. Rams, XIV (21-309)

Most touchdown passes, career
- 9 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 8 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games

Most touchdown passes, game
- 4 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Lowest pecentage, passes had intercepted, career (40 attempts)
- 0.00 Joe Montana, San Francisco, 2 games (57-0)
- Jim Plunkett, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 2 games (46-0)
- 2.13 Bart Starr, Green Bay, 2 games (47-1)

Most attempts, without interception, game
- 35 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Most interceptions, career
- 7 Craig Morton, Dallas-Denver, 2 games
- 6 Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games

Most interceptions, game
- 4 Craig Morton, Denver vs. Dallas, XII

Pass Receptions

Most receptions, career
- 16 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 15 Chuck Foreman, Minnesota, 3 games

Most receptions, game
- 11 Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Most yards gained, career
- 364 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 268 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
- 161 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X

Longest reception
- 80 Kenny King (from Plunkett), Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (TD)

Highest average gain, career (8 receptions)
- 24.4 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games (11-268)
- 22.8 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games (16-364)

Highest average gain, game (3 receptions)
- 40.3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV (3-121)

Most touchdowns, career
- 3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- Cliff Branch, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 3 games
- 2 Max McGee, Green Bay, 2 games
- Bill Miller, Oakland, 1 game
- Butch Johnson, Dallas, 2 games
- Dan Ross, Cincinnati, 1 game
- Roger Craig, San Francisco, 1 game

Most touchdowns, game
- 2 Max McGee, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
- Bill Miller, Oakland vs. Green Bay, II
- John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
- Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV
- Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI
- Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Punting

Most punts, career
- 17 Mike Eischeid, Oakland-Minnesota, 3 games
- 15 Larry Seiple, Miami, 3 games

Most punts, game
- 9 Ron Widby, Dallas vs. Baltimore, V

Longest punt
- 62 Rich Camarillo, New England vs. Chicago, XX

Highest average, career (10 punts)
- 46.5 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City, 2 games (11-511)
- 41.9 Ray Guy, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 3 games (14-587)

Highest average, game (4 punts)
- 48.5 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City vs. Minnesota, IV

Punt Returns

Most punt returns, career
- 6 Willie Wood, Green Bay, 2 games
- Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games
- Theo Bell, Pittsburgh, 2 games
- Mike Nelms, Washington, 1 game
- 5 Dana McLemore, San Francisco, 1 game

Most punt returns, game
- 6 Mike Nelms, Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Most fair catches, game
- 3 Ron Gardin, Baltimore vs. Dallas, V
- Golden Richards, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X
- Greg Pruitt, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

Most yards gained, career
- 52 Mike Nelms, Washington, 1 game

51 Dana McLemore, San Francisco, 1 game

Most yards gained, game

52 Mike Nelms, Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Longest return

34 Darrell Green, Washington vs. L.A. Raiders, XVIII

Highest average, career (4 returns)

10.8 Neal Colzie, Oakland, 1 game (4-43)
10.2 Dana McLemore, San Francisco, 1 game (5-51)

Highest average, game (3 returns)

11.3 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Most touchdowns, game

None

Kickoff Returns

Most kickoff returns, career

8 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games
Fulton Walker, Miami, 2 games
7 Preston Pearson, Baltimore-Pittsburgh-Dallas, 5 games
Stephen Starring, New England, 1 game

Most yards gained, career

283 Fulton Walker, Miami, 2 games
207 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games

Most yards gained, game

190 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Longest return

98 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII (TD)

Highest average, career (4 returns)

35.4 Fulton Walker, Miami, 2 games (8-283)
25.9 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games (8-207)

Highest average, game (3 returns)

47.5 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII (4-190)

Most touchdowns, game

1 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Interceptions By

Most interceptions by, career

3 Chuck Howley, Dallas, 2 games
Rod Martin, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 2 games
2 Randy Beverly, N.Y. Jets, 1 game
Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games
Mike Wagner, Pittsburgh, 3 games
Mel Blount, Pittsburgh, 4 games
Eric Wright, San Francisco, 2 games

Most interceptions by, game

3 Rod Martin, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV

Most yards gained, career

75 Willie Brown, Oakland, 2 games
63 Chuck Howley, Dallas, 2 games
Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games

Most yards gained, game

75 Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI

Longest return

75 Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI (TD)

Most touchdowns, game

1 Herb Adderley, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
Jack Squirek, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
Reggie Phillips, Chicago vs. New England, XX

Fumbles

Most fumbles, career

5 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
3 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most fumbles, game

3 Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X

Most fumbles recovered, career

2 Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games (1 own, 1 opp)
Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games (2 own)
Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (2 own)
Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games (2 own)
Bobby Walden, Pittsburgh, 2 games (2 own)
John Fitzgerald, Dallas, 4 games (2 own)
Randy Hughes, Dallas, 3 games (2 opp)
Butch Johnson, Dallas, 2 games (2 own)
Mike Singletary, Chicago, 1 game (2 opp)

Most fumbles recovered, game

2 Jake Scott, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII (1 own, 1 opp)
Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X (2 own)
Randy Hughes, Dallas vs. Denver, XII (2 opp)
Butch Johnson, Dallas vs. Denver, XII (2 own)
Mike Singletary, Chicago vs. New England, XX (2 opp)

Most yards gained, game

49 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (opp)

Longest return

49 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (TD)

Most touchdowns, game

1 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (opp 49 yds)
Mike Hegman, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, XIII (opp 37 yds)

Combined Net Yards Gained

Most attempts, career

108 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
66 John Riggins, Washington, 2 games

Most attempts, game

39 John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Most yards gained, career

468 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
391 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most yards gained, game

209 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

TEAM RECORDS

Games, Victories, Defeats

Most games

5 Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
Miami, VI, VII, VIII, XVII, XIX

Most consecutive games

3 Miami, VI, VII, VIII

Most games won

4 Pittsburgh IX, X, XIII, XIV

Most consecutive games won

2 Green Bay, I, II
Miami, VII, VIII
Pittsburgh, IX, X; XIII, XIV

Most games lost

4 Minnesota, IV, VIII, IX, XI

Most consecutive games lost

2 Minnesota, VIII, IX

Scoring

Most points, game
46 Chicago vs. New England, XX
Fewest points, game
3 Miami vs. Dallas, VI
Most points, both teams, game
66 Pittsburgh (35) vs. Dallas (31), XIII
Fewest points, both teams, game
21 Washington (7) vs. Miami (14), VII
Largest margin of victory, game
36 Chicago vs. New England, XX (46-10)
Most touchdowns, game
5 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
Chicago vs. New England, XX
N.Y. Giants vs. Denver, XXI
Fewest touchdowns, game
0 Miami vs. Dallas, VI
Most touchdowns, both teams, game
9 Pittsburgh (5) vs. Dallas (4), XIII
Fewest touchdowns, both teams, game
2 Baltimore (1) vs. N.Y. Jets (1), III
Most points after touchdown, game
5 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
Chicago vs. New England, XX
Most field goals attempted, game
5 N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Dallas vs. Denver, XII
Fewest field goals attempted, both teams, game
1 Minnesota (0) vs. Miami (1), VIII
Most field goals, game
4 Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XVI
Most field goals, both teams, game
4 Green Bay (4) vs. Oakland (0), II
San Francisco (4) vs. Cincinnati (0), XVI
Miami (3) vs. San Francisco (1), XIX
Chicago (3) vs. New England (1), XX
Most safeties, game
1 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX; vs. Dallas, X
Chicago vs. New England, XX
N.Y. Giants vs. Denver, XXI

Net Yards Gained Rushing and Passing

Most yards gained, game
537 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
Fewest yards gained, game
119 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX
Most yards gained, both teams, game
851 San Francisco (537) vs. Miami (314), XIX
Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
452 Minnesota (119) vs. Pittsburgh (333), IX

Rushing

Most attempts, game
57 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX
Fewest attempts, game
9 Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX
Most attempts, both teams, game
81 Washington (52) vs. Miami (29), XVII
Fewest attempts, both teams, game
49 Miami (9) vs. San Francisco (40), XIX
Most yards gained, game
276 Washington vs. Miami, XVII
Fewest yards gained, game
7 New England vs. Chicago, XX
Most yards gained, both teams, game
372 Washington (276) vs. Miami (96), XVII
Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
171 Baltimore (69) vs. Dallas (102), V
Highest average gain, game
7.00 L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (33-231)
Lowest average gain, game
0.64 New England vs. Chicago, XX (11-7)
Most touchdowns, game
4 Chicago vs. New England, XX

Passing

Most attempts, game
50 Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX
Fewest attempts, game
7 Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII
Most attempts, both teams, game
85 Miami (50) vs. San Francisco (35), XIX
Fewest attempts, both teams, game
35 Miami (7) vs. Minnesota (28), VIII
Most completions, game
29 Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX
Fewest completions, game
4 Miami vs. Washington, XVII
Most completions, both teams, game
53 Miami (29) vs. San Francisco (24), XIX
Fewest completions, both teams, game
19 Miami (4) vs. Washington (15), XVII
Highest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
88.0 N.Y. Giants vs. Denver, XXI (25-22)
Lowest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
32.0 Denver vs. Dallas, XII (25-8)
Most yards gained, game
326 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
Fewest yards gained, game
35 Denver vs. Dallas, XII
Most yards gained, both teams, game
615 San Francisco (326) vs. Miami (289), XIX
Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
156 Miami (69) vs. Washington (87), VII
Most times sacked, game
7 Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X
New England vs. Chicago, XX
Fewest times sacked, game
0 Baltimore vs. N.Y. Jets, III; vs. Dallas, V
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX
Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Philadelphia vs. Oakland, XV
Most touchdowns game
4 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
Most touchdowns, both teams, game
7 Pittsburgh (4) vs. Dallas (3), XIII

Interceptions by

Most interceptions by, game
4 N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Dallas vs. Denver, XII
Most yards gained, game
95 Miami vs. Washington, VII
Most touchdowns, game
1 Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
Chicago vs. New England, XX

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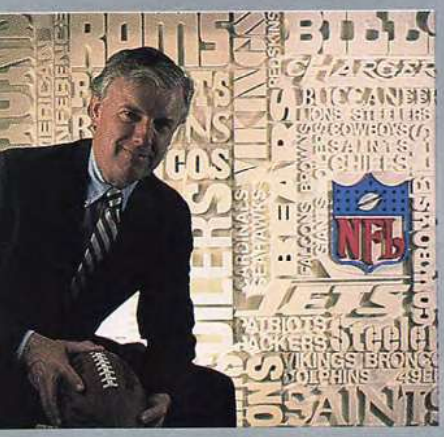

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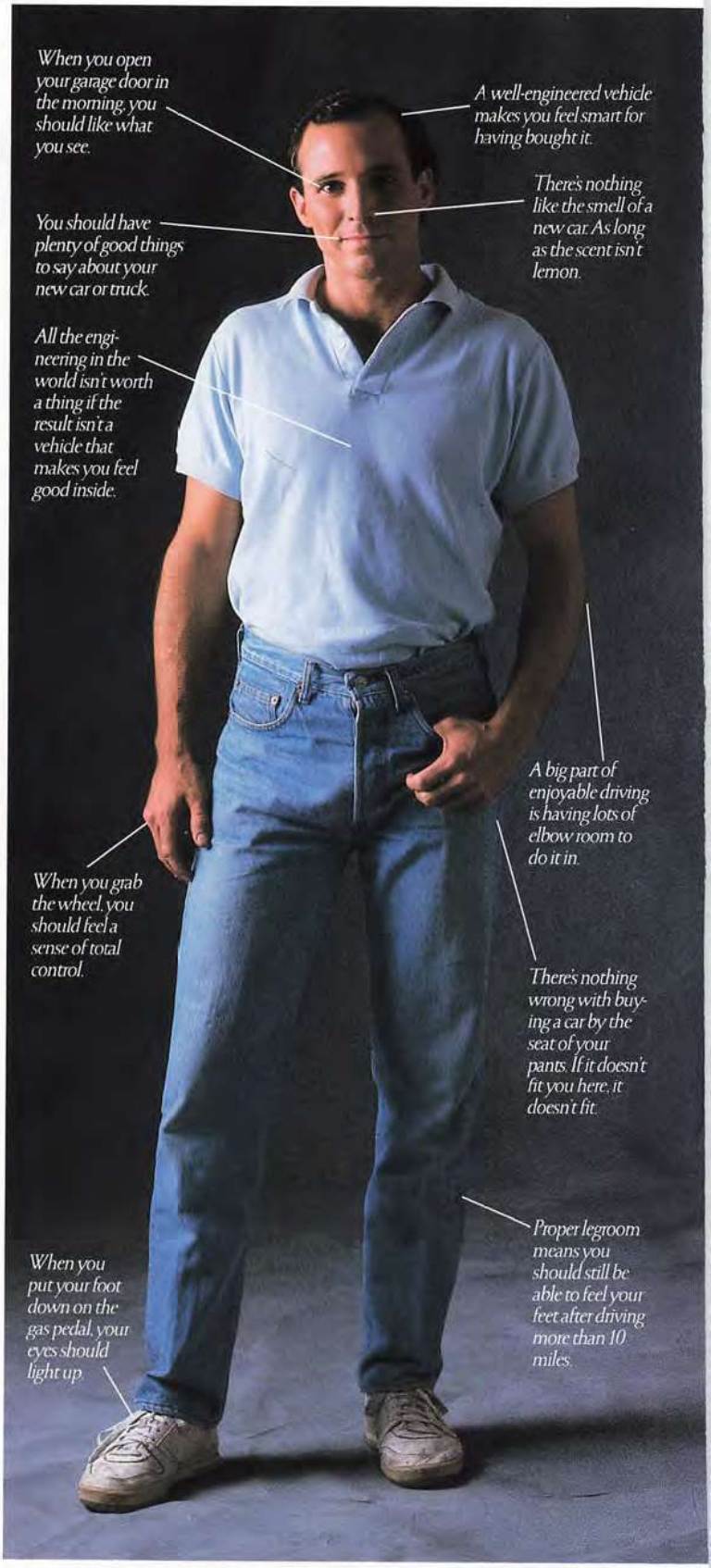
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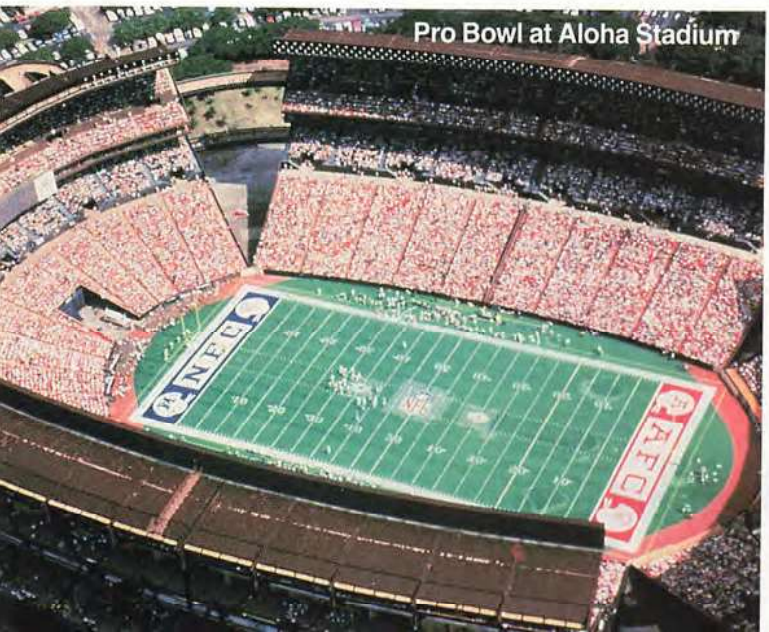

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SCOUTING REPORT

DENVER

BRONCOS

THERE ARE A LOT OF people out there who think that John Elway might be the most talented and dangerous football player in the NFL, and that, as his team's only weapon, he single-handedly took the Broncos to Super Bowl XXII. Well, those fans are half right.

The Broncos' offense certainly begins with Elway, who was voted the NFL's most valuable player this year. But head coach Dan Reeves's team has a lot of other offensive weapons, plus a stingy defense that is especially difficult to pass against.

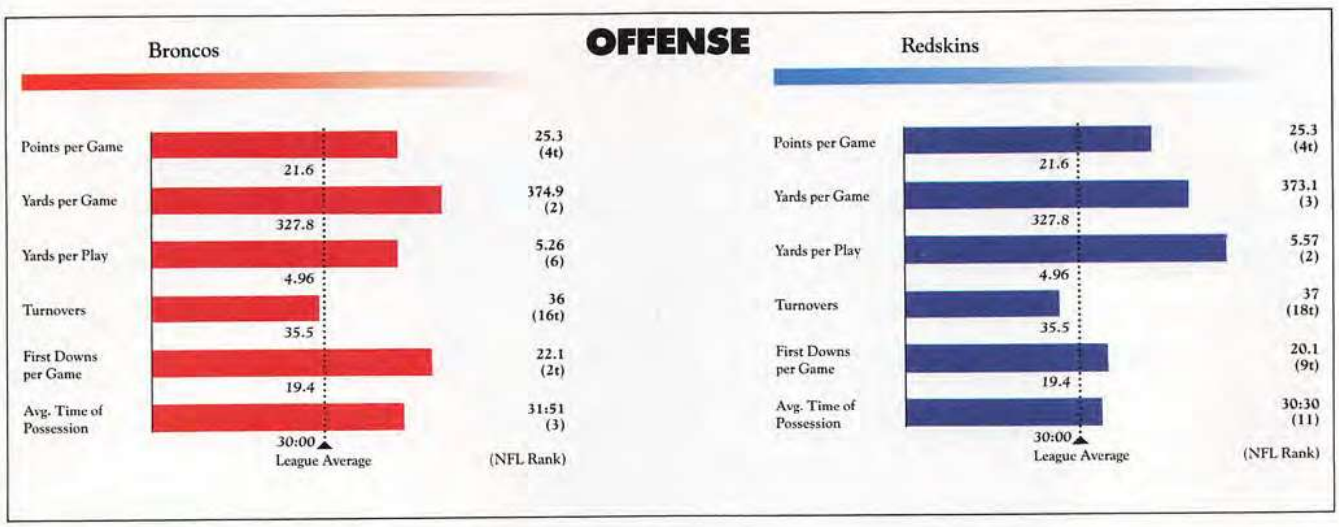
Elway is one of the few players in the NFL who virtually can dictate the outcome of a game himself. No other NFL quarterback can present as complete a package as he does—as a leader, a passer, and a runner. And Elway usually saves his best performances for the biggest games, as he did against the Browns in the last two AFC Championship Games, or against the Giants in Super Bowl XXI.

Head coach Dan Reeves, in his second straight Super Bowl, has led the Broncos to six winning seasons.

But Elway isn't the whole story on offense. Denver has the Three Amigos—exciting wide receivers Vance Johnson, Mark Jackson, and Ricky Nattiel—and a tough running game, spearheaded by Sammy Winder and Gene Lang. As a matter of fact, toughness is the club's trademark. As a team, the Broncos aren't big, fast, or overpowering, but they are determined and scrappy. Whether on defense or offense, they incessantly pound on the other team, and eventually wear them down, allowing the Broncos to make big plays.

Despite Elway's influence, the key to Super Bowl XXII actually might be Denver's defensive efforts. The Broncos have an outstanding pass defense, but they need to stop Washington's running game, which could grind out yardage and consume time, keeping the ball away from Elway and his offense. Denver ranked only twentieth in the NFL against the run this year, and the Redskins are sure to try to dominate with runs behind their big, strong offensive line. In that struggle, perhaps the key man for the Broncos isn't even on the field: defensive coordinator Joe Collier, the ingenious mind behind Denver's mystifying defenses. But the Broncos would be quite satisfied to see Collier *and* his defense off the field, and John Elway all over it.

Sept. 13 John Elway passed for 338 yards and four scores as Denver overcame a 14-7 first-quarter deficit to win going away. Denver 40, Seattle 17.
Sept. 20 Rich Karlis slipped in the mud and his 40-yard field-goal try went wide with nine seconds left in overtime. Denver 17, Green Bay 17.
Oct. 4 Replacement player Brent Pease accounted for three touchdowns and John Diettrich kicked four field goals. Houston 40, Denver 10.
Oct. 12 Joe Dudek ran for 128 yards and two touchdowns and the defense forced five turnovers. Denver 30, L.A. Raiders 14.
Oct. 18 Ken Karcher threw for 275 yards and three touchdowns, two of them to Bobby Micho. Denver 26, Kansas City 17.
Oct. 26 D.J. Dozier scored on three short runs as the Vikings came from behind to win. Minnesota 34, Denver 27.
Nov. 1 Elway ran for two touchdowns and passed for another and the defense recorded its first shutout since 1984. Denver 34, Detroit 0.
Nov. 8 The Bills scored two safeties and built a 21-0 lead, then held off the Broncos in the second half. Buffalo 21, Denver 14.
Nov. 16 Elway threw three second-quarter touchdown passes, and the Bears missed two extra points. Denver 31, Chicago 29.
Nov. 22 Bo Jackson scored his first two NFL touchdowns, but Elway accounted for 323 yards and two scores. Denver 23, L.A. Raiders 17.
Nov. 29 The Broncos scored on five consecutive possessions behind Elway's 347 yards passing and three touchdowns. Denver 31, San Diego 17.
Dec. 6 Elway's two touchdown passes and surprise punt to the 5 helped the Broncos take the AFC West lead. Denver 31, New England 20.
Dec. 13 The Seahawks jumped to a 14-0 halftime lead, and Dave Krieg's three scoring passes sank the Broncos. Seattle 28, Denver 21.
Dec. 19 The Broncos held off a Kansas City comeback when Nick Lowery missed a field goal with 34 seconds left. Denver 20, Kansas City 17.
Dec. 27 The Broncos didn't need much offense in a blizzard, as linebacker Ricky Hunley scored on an interception. Denver 24, San Diego 0.
Jan. 10 Elway passed for two scores and ran for a third, while the Broncos' defense stopped the Oilers cold. Denver 34, Houston 10.
Jan. 17 Elway passed the Broncos to a 21-3 lead by halftime, but the Browns tied it 31-31 before Sammy Winder scored. Denver 38, Cleveland 33.



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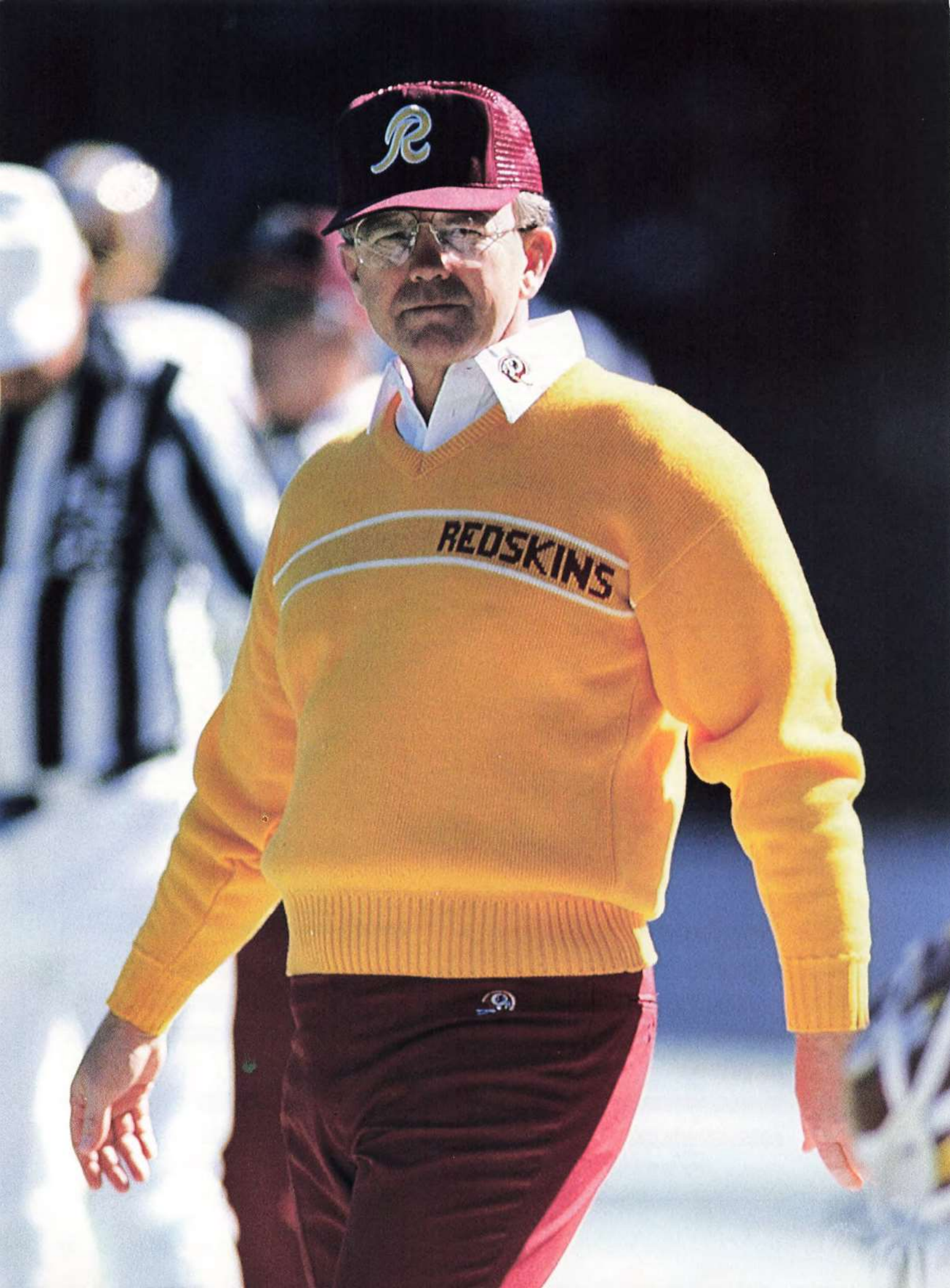

REDSKINS

SCOUTING REPORT

WASHINGTON

REDSKINS

THE SECRET TO THE Washington Redskins' success does not have bulging muscles, does not run the 40 in 4.4, does not have a golden arm.

No, the secret to the Washington Redskins' success wears wire-rimmed glasses, looks like a science teacher, and speaks so softly you have to lean in to hear him.

The secret's name—and it is anything *but* a secret to pro football insiders—is Joe Gibbs, the head coach who today becomes the first man to direct a team in three Super Bowls in this decade.

Over the past seven years, no NFL coach has a higher winning percentage (.718) than Gibbs. His teams have played 117 regular and post-season games and they have won 84 of them. The Redskins have made the NFL playoffs in five of their last six seasons.

Head coach Joe Gibbs has taken the Redskins to three Super Bowls and leads all active NFL coaches in winning percentage.

Washington has a 13-4 record this year in what may have been Gibbs's best all-around coaching performance. The Redskins have some superior talent, but they do not have an abundance of superstars or big-play people. Of their 10 victories outside the strike games (they were 3-0 in those), Washington won seven by seven points or less.

Gibbs has had to overcome a controversy at quarterback (Doug Williams, who was at the helm in two playoff victories and will start today, or Jay Schroeder?); an early-season controversy at running back (George Rogers or Kelvin Bryant?); a knee injury to his best wide receiver (Art Monk); and other problems.

This is an experienced, veteran team from Gibbs and the coaching staff on down. Eight of the 14 coaches began with Gibbs in 1981, two more joined him the next year, and one the year after that.

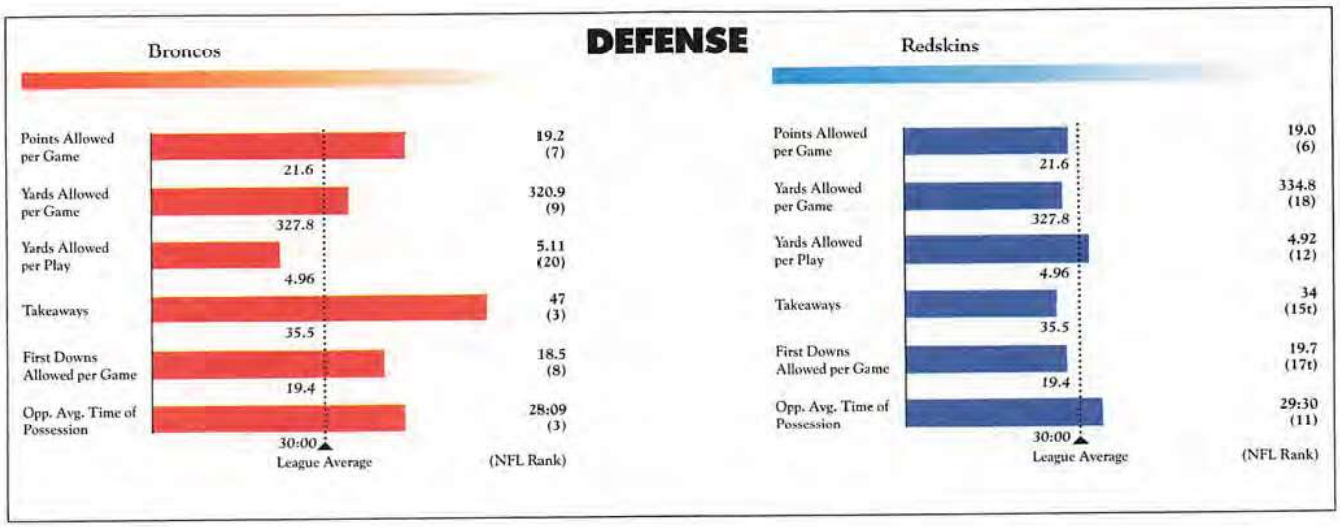
The defensive starters average 6½ years each with the Redskins, which means that most of them were around for Super Bowls XVII and/or XVIII.

Three members of the original Hogs (circa 1982-83) still start in the offensive line.

The key men today against the Broncos might be the Redskins' Rogers, Bryant, and Timmy Smith. Can they run often enough and well enough to keep John Elway off the field?

Then again, the key man just might be the one in the wire-rimmed glasses.

Sept. 13 Doug Williams, in for injured Jay Schroeder, rallied the team with 272 yards passing. Washington 34, Philadelphia 24.
Sept. 20 Scott Campbell, making his first start for the Falcons, passed his team to an upset victory. Atlanta 21, Washington 20.
Oct. 4 The regulars went out on strike, but Anthony Allen caught seven passes for a club-record 255 yards. Washington 28, St. Louis 21.
Oct. 11 The replacement team won going away, outrushing the Giants 200-47 and collecting six sacks. Washington 38, N.Y. Giants 12.
Oct. 19 The Redskins' replacement team won its third straight as Lionel Vital rushed for 136 yards. Washington 13, Dallas 7.
Oct. 25 The Redskins started slowly, but an Ali Haji-Sheikh field goal with 54 seconds left secured the victory. Washington 17, N.Y. Jets 16.
Nov. 1 George Rogers gained 125 of the Redskins' 299 rushing yards, highlighting a ball-control offense. Washington 27, Buffalo 7.
Nov. 8 Gregg Garrity's 40-yard touchdown catch with 1:06 left halted the five-game winning streak. Philadelphia 31, Washington 27.
Nov. 15 Darrell Green's three interceptions helped beat the Lions for the twelfth consecutive time. Washington 20, Detroit 13.
Nov. 23 Williams threw for 308 yards, but Art Monk couldn't hang on to a pass with 24 seconds left. L.A. Rams 30, Washington 26.
Nov. 29 Despite suffering six sacks, Schroeder passed for 331 yards and three second-half touchdowns. Washington 23, N.Y. Giants 19.
Dec. 6 Schroeder rallied the Redskins to three third-quarter touchdowns, clinching the NFC East title. Washington 34, St. Louis 17.
Dec. 13 The Redskins, behind Gary Clark's nine receptions for 187 yards, built a 24-3 lead and held on to win. Washington 24, Dallas 20.
Dec. 20 Dan Marino threw for 393 yards, 170 to Mark Duper, keeping the Dolphins' playoff hopes alive. Miami 23, Washington 21.
Dec. 26 Ricky Sanders, subbing for the injured Monk, caught eight passes for 164 yards in an overtime win. Washington 27, Minnesota 24.
Jan. 10 In frigid weather, the Redskins' defense sacked Jim McMahon five times and picked off three passes. Washington 21, Chicago 17.
Jan. 17 The Redskins' defense twice stifled the Vikings with goal-line stands and produced 8 sacks. Washington 17, Minnesota 10.



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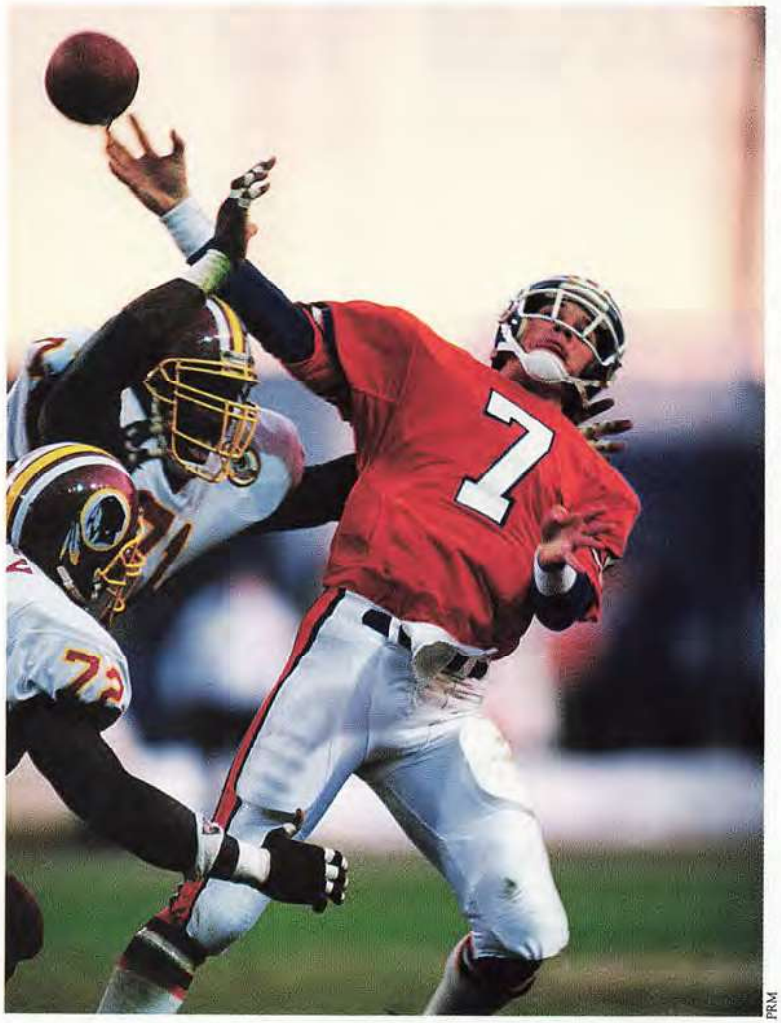
PASSING



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John Elway makes the Denver attack go. He finished 1987 with an 83.4 passer rating, and he threw for 3,198 yards, fourth-best in the NFL. He averaged 366.5 yards. The durable Elway has made 52 consecutive starts.

BRONCOS It has become almost a cliche. Denver's passing game begins and ends with John Elway. The Broncos' quarterback makes things happen.

Elway does not bring the most impressive statistics into the Super Bowl. He didn't pass for the most yardage in the NFL—he finished fourth in that category with 3,198 yards. He wasn't even among the top 10 in passer ratings—finishing twelfth at 83.4. And his 54.6 completion percentage throws him into the lower echelon of NFL passers.

But the criterion is winning. And Elway makes the Broncos win. His passing sets up the run. And his running from passing formations takes away reckless, all-out blitzing.

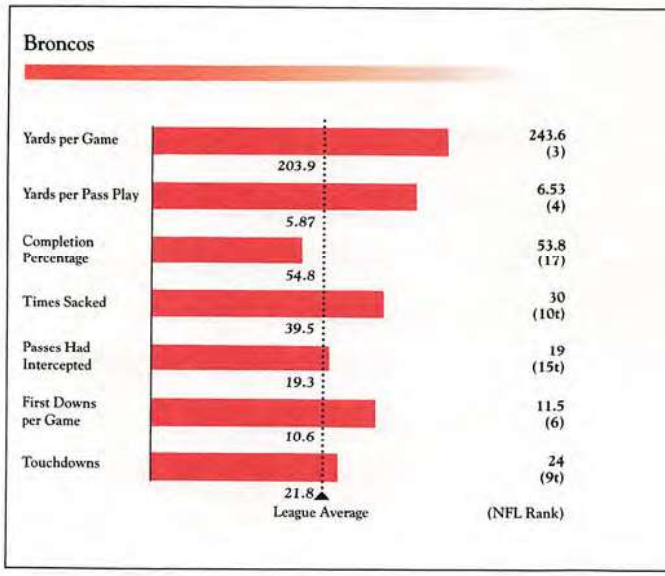
The one thing Elway can do as well as anybody—and better that most—is throw the football.

Among Denver's receivers, the Three Amigos have speed and can catch. Mark Jackson (5-9, 174) is a big-play receiver, even though his 26 catches ranked him far down the list of AFC receivers. Rookie Ricky Nattiel (5-9, 180) caught 31 passes for 630 yards; his 20.3-yard average was second-best in the AFC. Vance Johnson (5-11, 174), is the leading pass catcher among the three with 42 for 684 yards. Denver will use the three speedsters at the same time, adding veteran Steve Watson in a four-receiver set.

With the addition of the Shotgun formation, Elway has another weapon he probably will use from the outset against the Redskins. Steve Sewell often comes in as the lone running back and is an excellent receiver. Tight ends Clarence Kay and Orson Mobley also come into play as blockers and possession receivers. Running backs Sammy Winder and Gene Lang are employed as receivers when necessary.

PASSING	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Pct.	Avg.	TD	%TD	Int.	Long	Rating
Elway	410	224	54.6	3198	7.80	19	4.6	12	t72	83.4
Karcher	102	56	54.9	628	6.16	5	4.9	4	49	73.5
Kubiak	7	3	42.9	25	3.57	0	0.0	2	17	13.1
V. Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0	39.6
Lang	1	0	0.0	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0	39.6
Willhite	1	0	0.0	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0	39.6

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
V. Johnson	42	684	16.3	t59	7
Nattiel	31	630	20.3	54	2
Kay	31	440	14.2	30	0
M. Jackson	26	436	16.8	52	2
Micho	25	242	9.7	t26	2
Lang	17	130	7.6	29	2
Mobley	16	228	14.3	28	1
Winder	14	74	5.3	13	1
Sewell	13	209	16.1	t72	1
Watson	11	167	15.2	49	1
Boddie	9	85	9.4	26	0
Willhite	9	25	2.8	6	0
Andrews	4	53	13.3	20	0
Bell	1	8	8.0	8	0



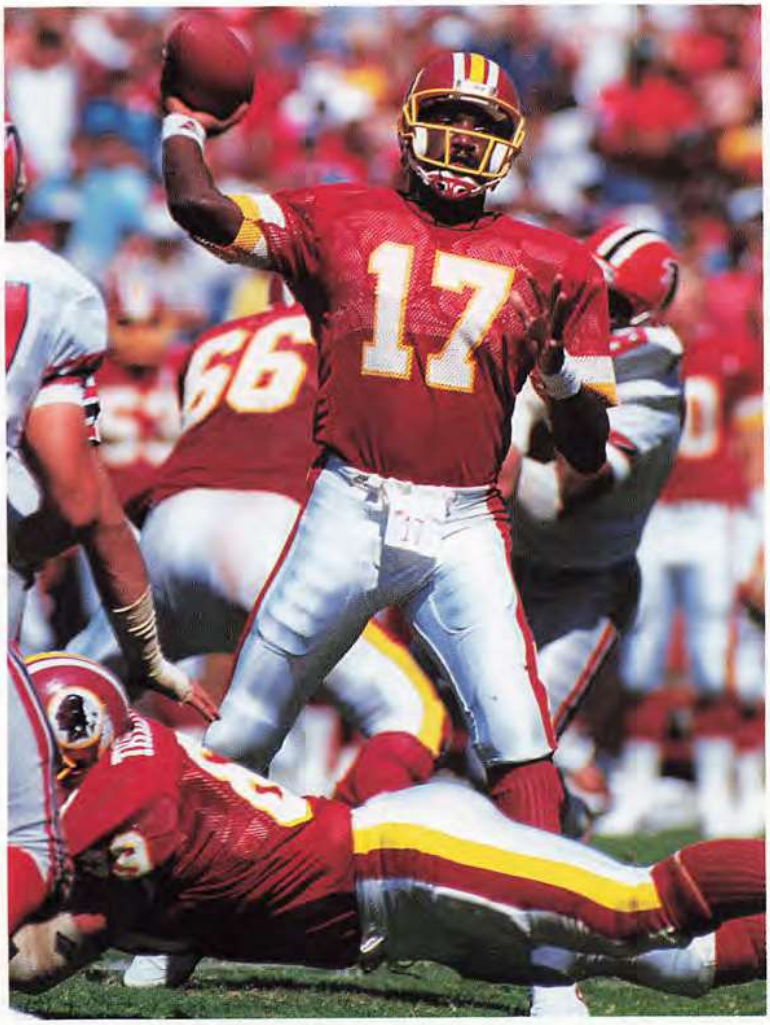
REDSKINS Most winning teams like to build a familiarity with their starting quarterbacks. But most teams don't come equipped with a set of receivers anything like the Redskins: four tight ends, a running back with range and versatility, three heirs to the Smurf legacy of 1982, and an all-pro returning from injury. Logic and history would dictate that Jay Schroeder start at quarterback. The team's record when he opens the game has been 8-2 this year, 26-8 career. Doug Williams, on the other hand, was 0-2 as a regular-season starter with the Redskins in 1987, hadn't won as a starter in the NFL since 1982 when he was with Tampa Bay, and didn't go wire to wire to a win with Washington until the victory over Chicago in the first round of this year's playoffs. The NFC Championship Game victory over Minnesota made him 2-2. He starts.

Williams's ability to locate open receivers is a concern, and, by his own admission, he dislikes having to throw on the move. To abet his drop-back, no-scramble mode, two tight ends often join 300-pound tackles Joe Jacoby and Mark May. Like the tackles, center Jeff Bostic has experience from two Super Bowl appearances.

Clint Didier will baffle Denver with varied motion and sure receiving from his tight end position. Tight end Don Warren mainly blocks.

Kelvin Bryant can catch the ball short, medium, deep, out of the backfield, or from the flank. And don't be shocked if he throws a pass. The closer the Broncos' end zone, the "hotter" Didier and Bryant.

Wide receivers Gary Clark, Ricky Sanders, and Anthony Allen, the latter a strike-period discovery, are Williams's (and Schroeder's) long-ball targets.

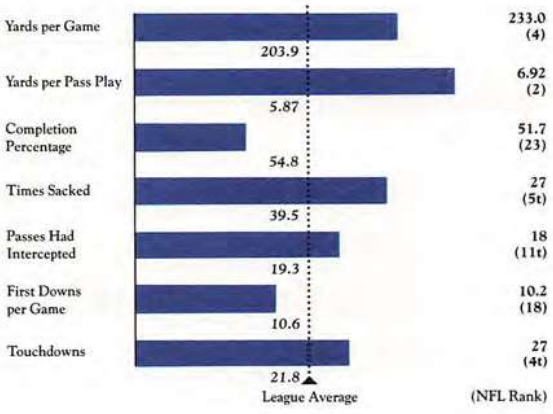


MANNY RUBIO

Now the pure *coup de grace*: Pro Bowl wide receiver Art Monk, sidelined since December 9 with a knee injury, is ready to play.

Quarterback Doug Williams became the starter in the playoffs after completing 56.6 percent of his passes in the regular season for 11 touchdowns. He came off the bench to win three games.

Redskins



PASSING	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Pct.	Avg.	TD	%TD	Int.	Long	Rating
Schroeder	267	129	1878	48.3	7.03	12	4.5	10	t84	71.0
D. Williams	143	81	1156	56.6	8.08	11	7.7	5	62	94.0
Bryant	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0	39.6

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Clark	56	1066	19.0	t84	7
Bryant	43	490	11.4	39	5
Monk	38	483	12.7	62	6
Sanders	37	630	17.0	57	3
Allen	13	337	25.9	t88	3
Didier	13	178	13.7	25	1
Warren	7	43	6.1	9	0
Rogers	4	23	5.8	8	0
Orr	3	35	11.7	23	0
Griffin	3	13	4.3	t6	1
Verdin	2	62	31.0	55	0
Caravello	2	29	14.5	22	0
Yarber	1	5	5.0	5	0
Smith	1	−2	−2.0	−2	0

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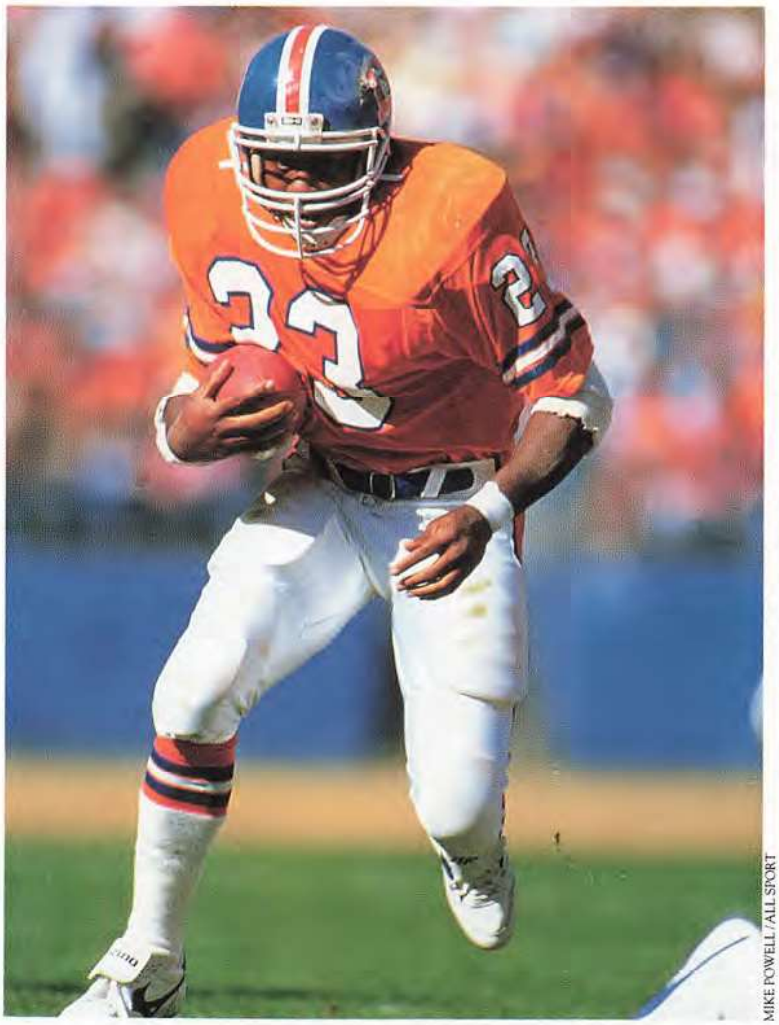
RUSHING



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Despite Denver's reputation as a team without a running game, the Broncos' Sammy Winder finished 1987 with 741 yards to rank eleventh in the NFL. He averaged 3.8 yards a carry and scored six touchdowns.

BRONCOS At first glance, you wouldn't expect Joe Gibbs to drop to his knees worrying about Denver's running game. After all, the Broncos averaged just 3.9 yards per rush this season. Their leading ground gainer, Sammy Winder (741 yards), had a 3.8 average per carry, second-lowest mark among the AFC's top 16 rushers.

Both starters, Winder and fullback Gene Lang, are small by NFL standards and not particularly fast. The Broncos' longest run from scrimmage this season came in the AFC Championship Game, when Lang burst through the line for 42 yards.

But in the trendy NFL, Denver may have introduced the next hot product among offensive schemes when it began to use the Shotgun formation as a primary set during a 31-29 victory over the Chicago Bears in week 9.

The Broncos have developed a total running package out of the Shotgun, which they will use at any time. They like to send a tight end in motion, usually 256-pound Orson Mobley, as the lead blocker to help double-team a lineman and open up the middle. Fact is, the Broncos rarely sit still; they utilize some kind of motion in their offense about 70 percent of the time.

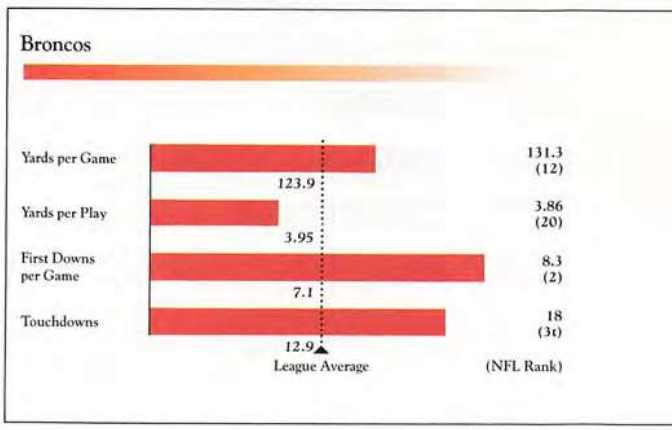
Denver is a tackle-to-tackle running team, in spite of the size of its backs. Winder, Lang, and versatile backup Steve Sewell are slashing-type runners who don't venture outside too often. Keep an eye on Sewell; he'll line up at various times as a wingback, flanker, second tight end, fullback, and halfback. He is used often as a receiver.

Most of the Broncos' running success has come at the expense of 3-4 defensive teams, whose nose tackle often is the target of those effective double-team blocks. Washington poses a new set of problems with its 4-3 defense anchored inside by huge tackle Dave Butz.

The Broncos' greatest running weapon remains their quarterback, John Elway. Denver likes to spring Elway on a quarterback draw, where his quick feet and great first step can add up to big chunks of yardage.

As offensive lines go, this one is small. . . like the running backs for which it blocks. But it's a smart unit that usually picks up the right people when the defense shifts. Left guard Keith Bishop made the AFC Pro Bowl team.

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Winder	196	741	3.8	19	6
Elway	66	304	4.6	29	4
Lang	89	303	3.4	28	2
Willhite	26	141	5.4	29	0
Sewell	19	83	4.4	17	2
Bell	13	43	3.3	11	0
Nattiel	2	13	6.5	10	0
Micho	4	8	2.0	5	0
Boddie	3	7	2.3	4	1
Karcher	9	3	0.3	8	0
Kubiak	1	3	3.0	3	0
V. Johnson	1	−8	−8.0	−8	0



REDSKINS Since Joe Gibbs was named head coach in 1981, the Redskins are 55-4 in games in which they led at halftime. With a lead, Washington can wear down an opponent with a pounding, possession offense. Controlling the football will be an especially critical task against the Broncos.

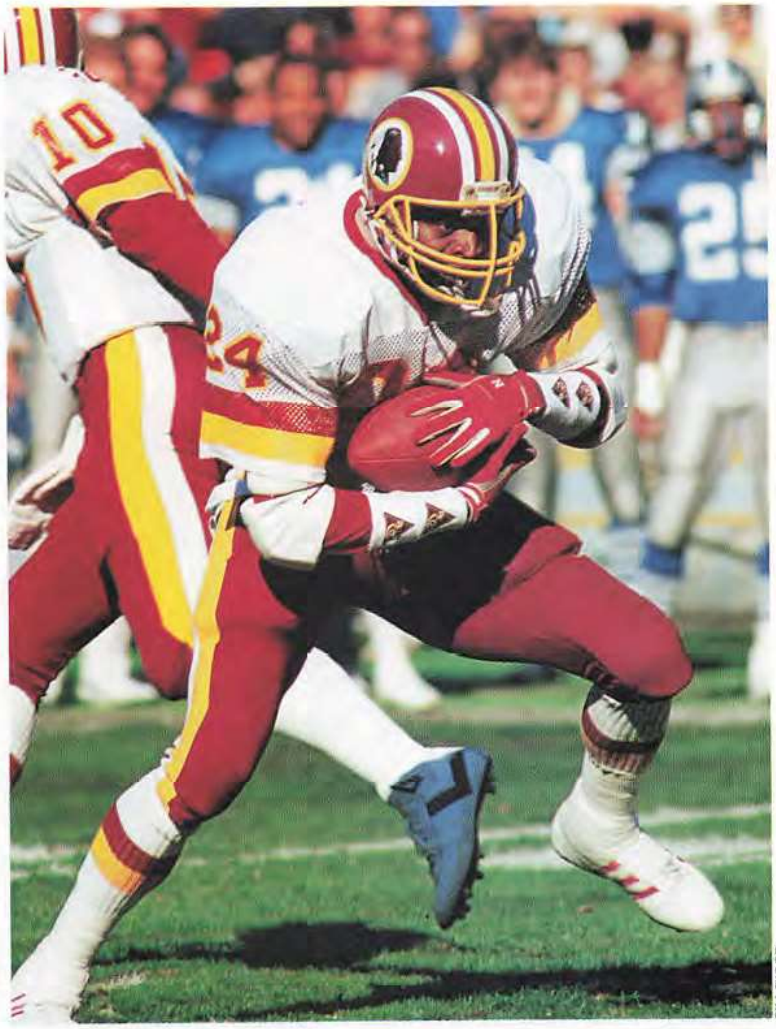
George Rogers led the team in rushing for the third consecutive season, though his production dropped from 1,203 yards in 1986 to 613 yards. Nagging injuries diminished Rogers's playing time, but the big back sometimes flashed the brilliance that has characterized most of his career. He ran for 125 yards against Buffalo in week 8, and 134 against St. Louis in week 13. And he was dominant in the Redskins' 98-yard opening touchdown drive against the Vikings in the NFC Championship Game, running out of a three-tight-end formation.

Multi-talented Kelvin Bryant is a perfect complement to the rugged Rogers. Bryant is fast and elusive, and he has the quickness to get outside on sweeps. He had 406 yards rushing, averaging a team-high 5.3 yards per carry. Rogers and Bryant usually are not lined up together in the backfield. Gibbs often sends Bryant in motion or positions him as a flanker to utilize his versatility and keep the defense guessing.

Keith Griffin got the job done when filling in for Rogers, but the emerging star just might be rookie Timmy Smith, who had more yards on the ground than any other Redskins back during the playoffs.

Washington practices the wide-receiver reverse as much as any team in the NFL. Art Monk carried the ball six times for 63 yards during the season. The playbook also attempts to take advantage of overeager defenses with bootlegs, draws, and running back reverses.

The key to Washington's rushing offense is its massive front wall. Tackles Joe Jacoby and Mark May, guards Raleigh McKenzie and R.C. Thielemann, and center Jeff Bostic comprise a veteran group that averages 6 feet 4 inches and 280 pounds. They come right at a defense, usually with success. The Redskins often employ a multiple-tight-end offense to add even greater ground punch. Tight ends Don Warren and Anthony Jones are used primarily for their blocking skills. Gibbs likes to send one of them in motion, allowing the runner to follow them off tackle.


BILL WOOD

Kelvin Bryant was second on the Redskins in both rushing (406 yards, 5.3 average) and receiving (43 catches, 11.4 average). He scored six touchdowns.

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Rogers	163	613	3.8	29	6
Bryant	77	406	5.3	28	1
Griffin	62	242	3.9	13	0
Smith	29	126	4.3	15	0
Schroeder	26	120	4.6	31	3
Monk	6	63	10.5	26	0
Verdin	1	14	14.0	14	0
Branch	4	9	2.3	3	1
D. Williams	7	9	1.3	7	1
Clark	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sanders	1	−4	−4.0	−4	0

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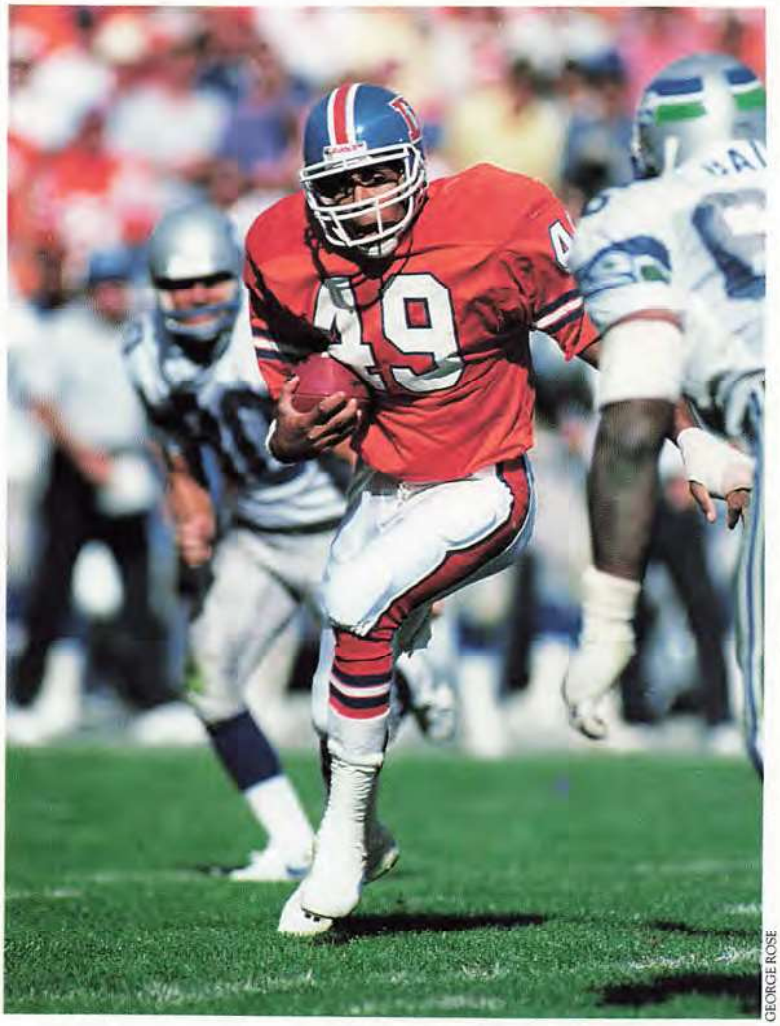
PASSING DEFENSE



GEORGE ROSE

Dennis Smith, coming back after a fractured forearm wiped out the last five weeks of his season and the playoff victory over Houston, still managed 35 tackles and two interceptions from his strong safety position.

BRONCOS If there is one word that describes the Denver Broncos' pass defense, it is opportunistic. During the regular season the Broncos led the AFC in interceptions, with 28, and in total number of takeaways with a plus-11 net differential. Denver also ranked fourth overall against the pass in the AFC, fifth in the NFL.

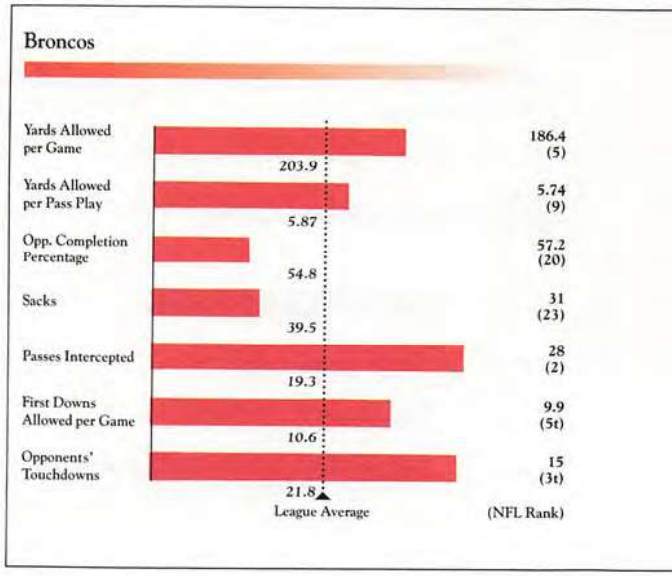
Denver's pass defense follows a bend-but-not-break philosophy. The Broncos often give up a lot of yardage on short passes underneath the coverage, but try not to have breakdowns that result in big plays. In 1987, they gave up only 15 touchdown passes, best in the AFC.

For Denver to be successful against Washington, it must have disciplined coverage by its secondary. The Broncos cannot let Washington's receivers go deep and make big plays. Starting cornerbacks Mark Haynes and Steve Wilson are physical players and outstanding cover men. There were considerable injury problems at the safety positions throughout the regular season, but all now are relatively healthy. Tony Lilly and Dennis Smith are the starters.

One problem area during the regular season was the pass rush. The Broncos managed only 31 sacks, which ranked twenty-third in the NFL. End Rulon Jones and linebacker Karl Mecklenburg (each with seven sacks) led Denver's defense.

When the Redskins are in long-yardage or certain passing situations, look for the Broncos to switch alignments from their normal 3-4-4 to a 4-1-6 set, which prompts a major change of Denver's personnel on the field. Mecklenburg will shift from his left inside linebacker position to right defensive end outside Jones. Nose tackle Greg Kragen and end Andre Townsend come out of the game and are replaced on the left by lineman Freddie Gilbert and linebacker Michael Brooks. Rick Dennison comes in to play the one linebacker spot and cornerback Jeremiah Castille and safety Randy Robbins come in to strengthen the secondary. In the 3-4-4, the Broncos will play zone coverage. When they move into the 4-1-6, they will deploy a man-to-man.

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Harden	4	85	21.3	32	0
Clark	3	105	35.0	50	0
Haynes	3	39	13.0	25	1
Lilly	3	29	9.7	24	0
Mecklenburg	3	23	7.7	16	0
Robbins	3	9	3.0	9	0
Ryan	3	7	2.3	5	0
Hunley	2	64	32.0	t52	1
D. Smith	2	21	10.5	15	0
Lucas	1	11	11.0	11	0
Dennison	1	10	10.0	10	0



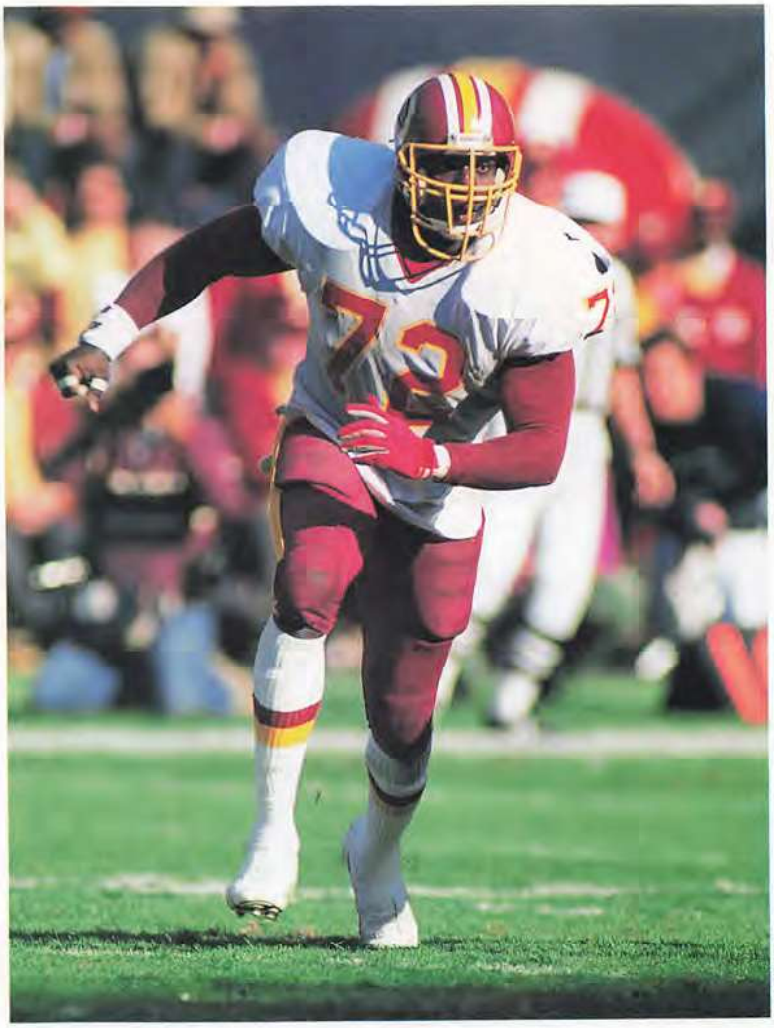
REDSKINS Pass defense and pass rush are synonymous in Washington. The Redskins don't blitz much. Instead, as one of the last predominantly 4-3 teams, they rely on the rush generated by their front line, especially that of their two fast defensive ends, Charles Mann and Dexter Manley. Mann, who was selected to his first Pro Bowl this season, had 9½ sacks, Manley 8½ during the regular season. Defensive tackles Dave Butz and Darryl Grant contributed in a big way to the success of the defensive ends. Butz, in particular, is so huge (6-7, 295) that he often occupies two blockers, allowing Mann a clearer shot at the quarterback. On third-down passing situations, Butz and Grant are replaced, usually by either Steve Hamilton, Markus Koch, or Dean Hamel. Middle linebacker Neal Olkewicz also is replaced, usually by Tim Morrison. Linebacker Monte Coleman, a good coverage man, plays in most situations.

As a team, Washington had 53 sacks in 1987, fourth-best in the NFL, and has recorded three sacks or more in 50 of its last 66 games. Included in that total are five sacks in the playoff game in Chicago and eight against Minnesota in the championship game.

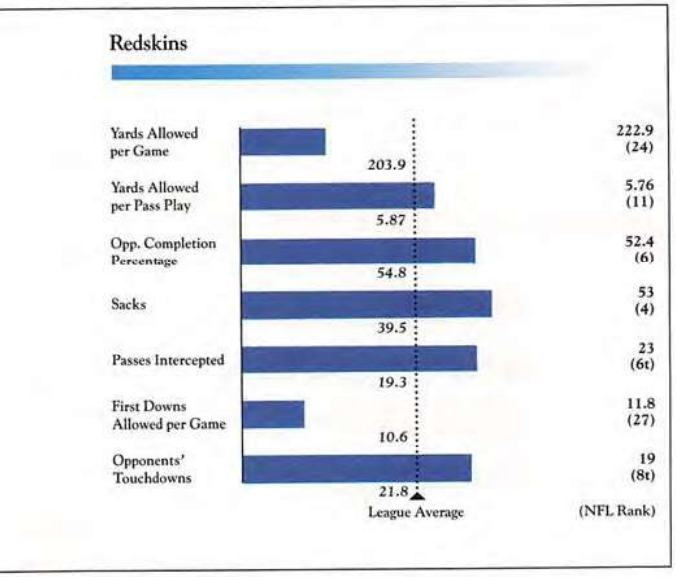
Against a quarterback with the skills of John Elway, containment is the key. Ideally, the Redskins would like to keep him in the pocket. Washington will attempt to do three things: (1) apply constant pressure up the middle; (2) cover Denver's receivers so that they are not open on Elway's initial read; and (3) flush Elway out of the pocket into the contain men, Mann and Manley, coming in from outside. If Elway eludes them, the Redskins have problems.

Downfield, left cornerback Darrell Green is as fast, if not faster, than most wide receivers. This means that he not only can stay with them on their pass routes one-on-one, but he can run them down from behind if they make a catch. When quarterbacks throw away from Green, they go up against cornerback Barry Wilburn, who led the league with nine interceptions.

If something happens to Green, either Dennis Woodberry or rookie Brian Davis will come in, and the Redskins will switch to more double coverage. No matter the coverage, the secondary will be tested on the Broncos' favored crossing patterns.


AL KOOISTRA

End Dexter Manley holds the Redskins' career record with 78½ sacks, including 8½ this year. As a team, the Redskins finished fourth in the NFL with 53 sacks.



INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Wilburn	9	135	15.0	t100	1
Bowles	4	24	6.0	24	0
Green	3	65	21.7	56	0
Walton	3	28	9.3	24	0
Coleman	2	53	26.5	28	0

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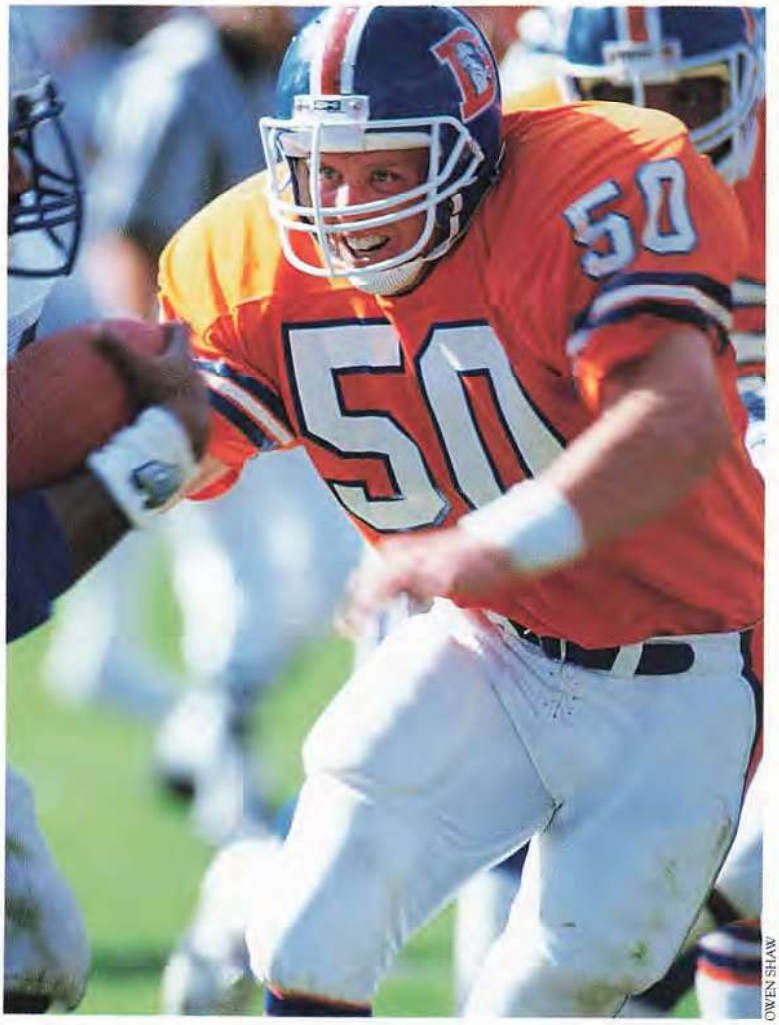
RUSHING DEFENSE



OWEN SHAW

Linebacker Jim Ryan has assumed a major role in the Broncos' rushing defense, making 97 unassisted tackles during the regular season and being involved in 126, both team highs. He also was credited with 1½ sacks.

BRONCOS The key to Super Bowl XXII will lie in Denver's ability to stop Washington's punishing running game. The statistics would indicate the Broncos have a difficult task at hand.

The Broncos ranked twentieth in the NFL against the rush (134.5 yards per game) and the 4.4 yards per carry they allowed during the regular season was twenty-sixth (ahead of only Seattle and Atlanta).

There also are the physical numbers to consider: The Broncos' front seven will give up an average of 38 pounds per man to the Redskins' huge offensive line. But defensive coordinator Joe Collier doesn't let that alarm him. "Give me intelligent players and you can have the big players," he says.

The lead role in Collier's scheme is played by linebacker Karl Mecklenburg, the noted free-lancer (he has played all down-lineman and linebacker positions) and student of the game. He has not moved around as much as in previous years because the play of linebacking mates Jim Ryan and Ricky Hunley has been so outstanding. Mecklenburg, a Pro Bowl selection three consecutive years, is one of the NFL's best reactors to offensive movement.

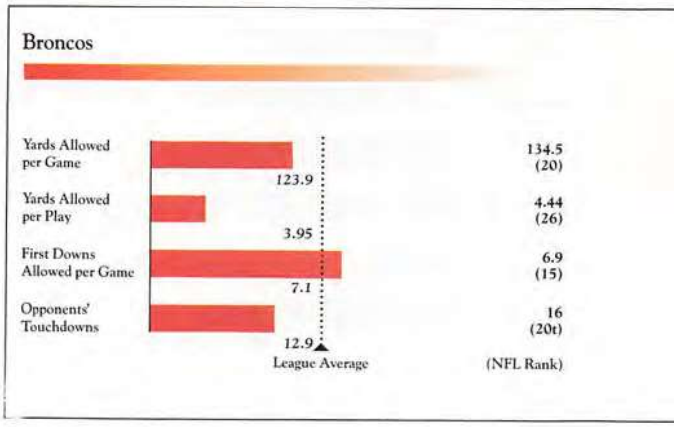
Denver resorts to numerous shifts to avoid one-on-one confrontations. The Broncos will attempt to blunt the Redskins' bread-and-butter running play, the "Counter Trey," with a tight alignment that gives them maximum coverage on the pulling linemen. In such a formation, the front three of ends Andre Townsend and Rulon Jones and nose tackle Greg Kragen will line up over the Redskins' center and guards. The outside linebackers (Ryan and Simon Fletcher) will play over the tight ends while the inside men (Mecklenburg and Hunley) occupy spaces over the tackles.

On most first-down situations, Denver will send one or both outside linebackers to force the action on Washington's side of the line of scrimmage. Collier also will play zone on first down to get maximum run force from the secondary of cornerbacks Mike Haynes and Steve Wilson and safeties Tony Lilly and Dennis Smith. Lilly, the leading tackler of the group, is excellent against weakside runs.

Ryan was the Broncos' leading tackler this season with 97 solos and 126 total. He had a team-high 13 tackles (the same as Mecklenburg) in Super Bowl XXI.

The goal of the Broncos' front three will be penetration in the Redskins' backfield, a formidable task considering the size differential. Kragen, at 6-3 and 245 pounds, will be going against center Jeff Bostic (6-2, 260) and guards Raleigh McKenzie (6-2, 275) and R.C. Thielemann (6-4, 272).

The most interesting matchup up front may be monstrous Joe Jacoby (6-7, 305) against Denver's Rulon Jones (6-6, 260). Jones, the leader of the line, is an all-out attacker; he rarely sits and reads.



REDSKINS Washington's defense ranked tenth against the rush, and a mediocre eighteenth overall, in the NFL. However, other statistics have considerably more relevance to today's game. Over the last 14 games, the Redskins have given up just seven rushing touchdowns, and in seven games this season Washington held its opponent to less than 100 yards rushing, including 76 for Minnesota in the NFC Championship Game. The last time the Redskins and Broncos played, in 1986, Denver won 31-30 at Mile High Stadium. Denver was limited to 71 yards on the ground, though Sammy Winder did punch into the end zone twice on short runs.

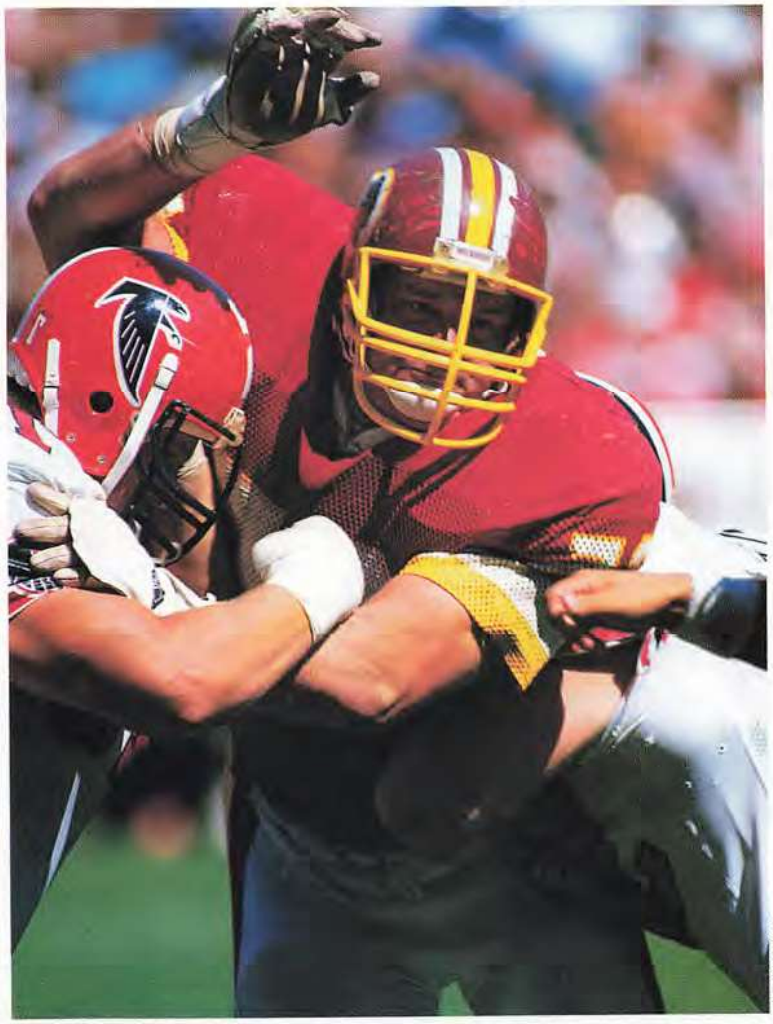
Here's another key point: The Redskins' defense doesn't relinquish leads easily. Since 1983, they are 46-2 when they led going into the fourth quarter, including this season's postseason victories over Chicago and Minnesota. Washington's two fourth-quarter goal-line stands against the Vikings should serve as ample testimony to the defense's gritty determination to stay ahead.

Much of Washington's success against the run is attributable to the steady, dependable play of its veteran defensive line and linebackers under assistant head coach-defense Richie Petitbon. In terms of experience playing together, it would be difficult to find two more cohesive groups in the league; the starting defensive linemen and linebackers *average* more than eight years of NFL experience. With the exception of the first two of defensive tackle Dave Butz's 14 years in the NFL, all of the current starters' combined years have been spent with the Redskins. And that period includes two previous Super Bowl appearances.

The Broncos' inside running game, featuring handoffs from the Shotgun formation and quarterback draws, is not the Redskins' major concern. With Butz and Darryl Grant at tackles and the very active Neal Olkewicz at middle linebacker, Washington is rock solid in the center.

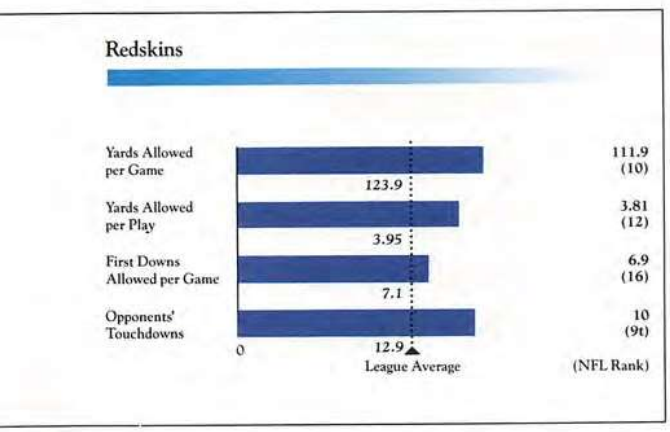
Runs to the outside also are not a prime worry because of the speed and pursuit of defensive ends Charles Mann and Dexter Manley, and the heads-up play of outside linebackers Monte Coleman and Mel Kaufman. If the situation should arise in which the Redskins think they need to be more aggressive against Denver's ground game, they do have in their playbook a variation of the Chicago 46 defense that puts eight men near the line of scrimmage.

What could give the disciplined Redskins defense fits, however, are the very undisciplined, and unpredictable scrambles of John Elway. He turns broken plays into bombs or first-down sprints in equal measure and with equal ease. Elway is at his most dangerous improvising on the run, something that Redskins defenders will have in the backs of their minds on every play.



MANNY RUBIO

Tackle Dave Butz, a 14-year veteran, is starting in his third Super Bowl. At 6-7 and 295 pounds, he's an intimidating force in the middle.



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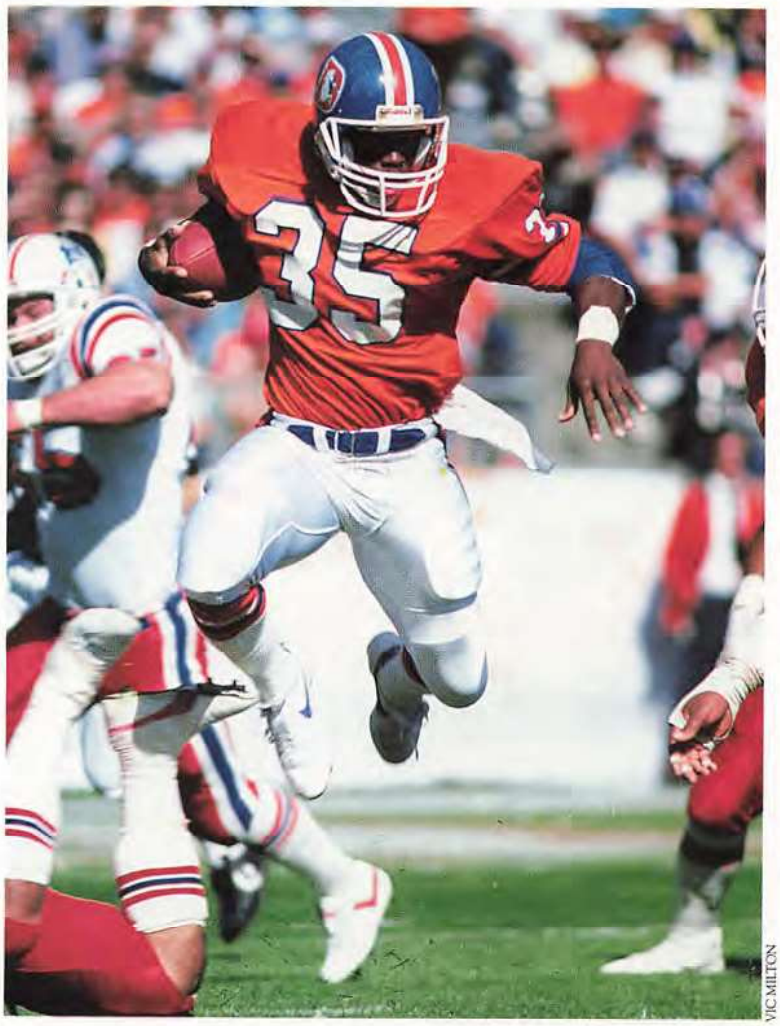
SPECIAL TEAMS



VIC MILTON

Ken Bell, in only his second year with the Broncos, plays both sides of the ball on special teams. Besides posting a 21.5-yard average on 15 kickoff returns, he made six tackles. He also is used as a running back.

BRONCOS The most nervous people in San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium today should be the Washington players who defend against the Denver special teams. Head coach Dan Reeves and special teams assistant coach Mike Nolan love the unusual and the unexpected, and the fans today likely will see some of both.

This season, a year after having all kinds of problems with their punting game, the Broncos found happiness with Mike Horan, a former free agent who took over late in 1986. Horan finished fourth in the AFC with a 41.1-yard average, the same as he had a year ago. Just as important, Horan's kicks were returned only 186 yards, one of the best figures in the league.

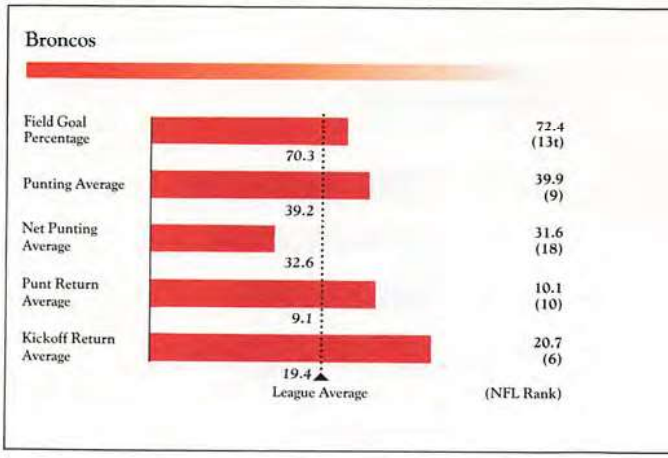
The Broncos' placekicking duties are handled by Rich Karlis, who finished fourth in the AFC in scoring. Karlis didn't miss an extra point all season, and he connected on 18 of 25 field goals, including one in the fourth quarter in the Broncos' 31-29 victory over the Bears.

Although the Broncos didn't have a return specialist among the league leaders, they still are one of the most dangerous teams to kick against. K.C. Clark had a better average (12.9) than any other punt returner in the AFC, although he fell one return short of qualifying for a ranking. Likewise, Ken Bell's kickoff-return average (21.5) would have placed him fifth in the AFC if he had had more returns. Clark returned one punt 71 yards for a touchdown against the Chargers.

The Redskins also need to be aware of the Broncos' penchant for fakes. Gary Kubiak, the backup quarterback, is able to pass from his position as the holder on field-goal attempts, and he also has come in on fake punts. John Elway gives the Broncos the added dimension of being able to quick kick. In week 13, Elway surprised the Patriots with a 39-yard punt that was downed on the New England 5-yard line.

Denver's kickoff-coverage team is solid, ranking thirteenth in the NFL, but the punt-coverage team finished twenty-fifth in the league.

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Blk.
Horan	44	1807	41.1	61	2
Elway	1	31	31.0	31	0
PUNT RETURNS	**No.**	**FC**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**	**TD**
Clark	18	1	233	12.9	t71	1
Nattiel	12	1	73	6.1	14	0
Willhite	4	1	22	5.5	9	0
Harden	2	0	11	5.5	7	0
Lilly	2	0	6	3.0	4	0
V. Johnson	1	0	9	9.0	9	0
KICKOFF RETURNS	**No.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**	**TD**
Bell	15	323	21.5	42	0
V. Johnson	7	140	20.0	34	0
Lang	4	78	19.5	25	0
Nattiel	4	78	19.5	25	0
Clark	2	33	16.5	25	0
Ryan	2	9	4.5	9	0
FIELD GOALS	**1–19**	**20–29**	**30–39**	**40–49**	**50+**	**Total**
Karlis	0/0	9/9	4/6	4/7	1/3	18/25



REDSKINS Washington cornerback Darrell Green was named a starter in the Pro Bowl this season for the third time in five years—but his biggest play of the year came as a special teams player.

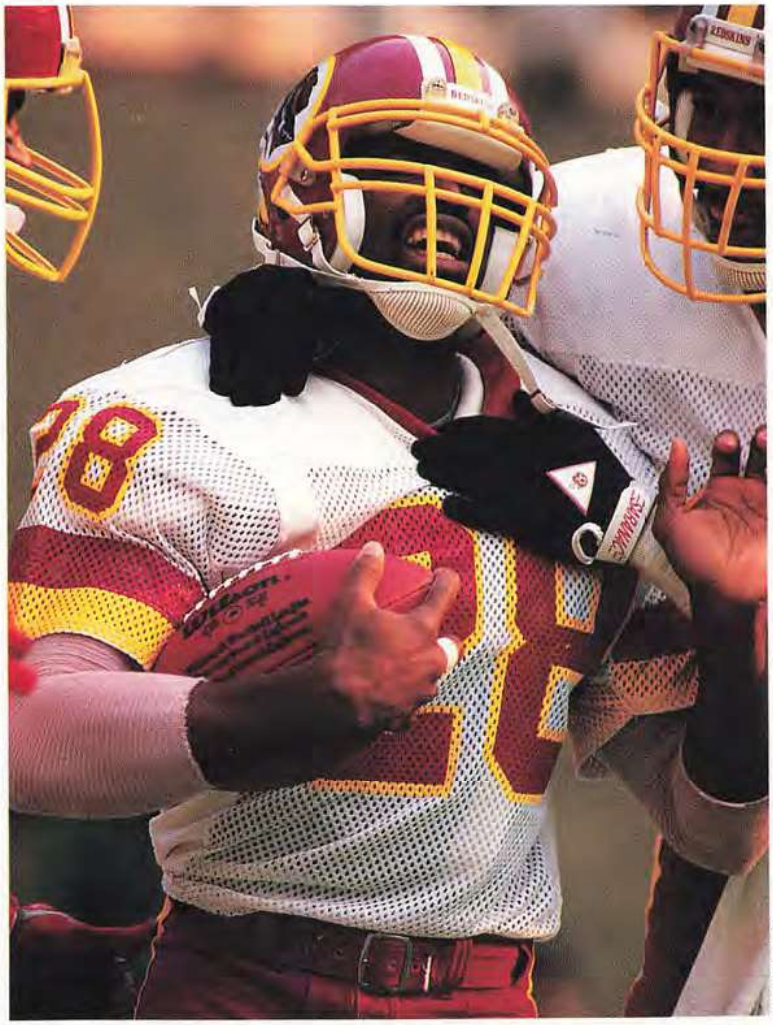
The Redskins were tied 14-14 with the Bears in the divisional playoff game when Green, who won the NFL's "fastest-man" contest two years ago, returned a punt 52 yards for a touchdown. That score helped win the game, which ended 21-17.

Green had returned only five punts all year before the Chicago game, but coaches put their best athletes on special teams in the postseason, so he becomes an extra weapon for Washington. His career punt-return average is 11 yards, and he already holds the Super Bowl record for longest return—34 yards against the Raiders in Super Bowl XVIII. Washington also can use Eric Yarber, the team's leading punt returner during the season with a 7.4 average.

The Redskins have made additional changes on their kickoff-return team. Regular-season leader Keith Griffin (19.1 average) has a thigh injury, and Ricky Sanders and Timmy Smith handled the job in the playoffs. Sanders averaged 29.5 yards on four regular-season returns, including one of 36 yards that set up the winning field goal in a regular-season-ending overtime victory against Minnesota.

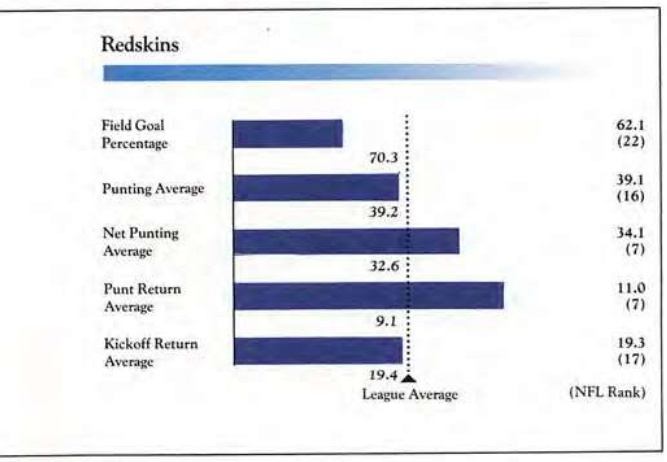
The Redskins are concerned about their placekicking, however. Ali Haji-Sheikh missed 4 of his 10 attempts between 30 and 39 yards and also missed 3 of his 32 extra-point attempts. His longest field goal of the year was only 41 yards. For a long field-goal try, Washington could turn to designated long-distance kicker Steve Cox. In his NFL career, Cox has made field goals from 60, 58, 57, and 55 yards. He was one for two this season, hitting from 40 yards and missing from 67. The versatile Cox also is an outstanding kickoff man, consistently putting the ball in the end zone, and he averaged 40.8 yards as a punter. He had one blocked.

The Redskins' punt-coverage team ranked sixth in the NFL, holding opponents to a 6.2-yard average, led by reserve defensive backs Dennis Woodberry and Vernon Dean. The kickoff-coverage team was disappointing, tying for twenty-fifth.



AL TIELEMANS

Cornerback Darrell Green helped win the Redskins' playoff game against the Bears with a 52-yard punt return. He has an 11-yard career average.



PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Blk.
Cox	63	2571	40.8	77	1
PUNT RETURNS	**No.**	**FC**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**	**TD**
Yarber	37	9	273	7.4	33	0
Green	5	1	53	10.6	15	0
KICKOFF RETURNS	**No.**		**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**	**TD**
Griffin	25		478	19.1	54	0
Verdin	12		244	20.3	38	0
Branch	4		61	15.3	19	0
Sanders	4		118	29.5	39	0
Orr	4		62	15.5	19	0
Vital	2		31	15.5	18	0

FIELD GOALS	1–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50+	Total
Haji-Sheikh	0/0	5/5	6/10	2/4	0/0	13/19
Cox	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/1	1/2

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HOW THEY WERE BUILT

YEAR	DRAFT (23)	TRADE (4)	FREE AGENTS (21) WAIVERS (2)
1979 10-7 2nd, AFC West			LB Jim Ryan (FA) T Dave Studdard (FA) WR Steve Watson (FA)
1980 8-8 4th, AFC West	DE Rulon Jones (2) G-C Keith Bishop (6)		
1981 10-6 2nd, AFC West	S Dennis Smith (1) T Ken Lanier (5)		
1982 2-7 12th, AFC Regular Season	RB Sammy Winder (5)		LB Rick Dennison (FA) K Rich Karlis (FA) CB Steve Wilson (FA)
1983 9-8 3rd, AFC West	QB Gary Kubiak (8) LB-DE Karl Mecklenburg (12)	QB John Elway (from Indianapolis)	
1984 13-4 1st, AFC West	DE-NT Andre Townsend (2) S Tony Lilly (3) S Randy Robbins (4) TE Clarence Kay (7) RB Gene Lang (11) DE Freddie Gilbert (Sup 1)	LB Ricky Hunley (from Cincinnati)	
1985 11-5 2nd, AFC West	RB-WR Steve Sewell (1) WR Vance Johnson (2A) LB Simon Fletcher (2B)		NT Greg Kragen (FA)
1986 13-6 AFC Champions	TE Orson Mobley (6A) WR Mark Jackson (6B) LB Bruce Klostermann (8)	CB Mark Haynes (from N.Y. Giants)	RB Ken Bell (FA) P Mike Horan (FA) TE-RB Bobby Micho (W) T Dan Remsberg (FA)
1987 12-4-1 AFC Champions	WR Ricky Nattiel (1) LB Michael Brooks (3) CB Bruce Plummer (9) S Tyrone Braxton (12)	G Stefan Humphries (from Chicago)	TE Mitch Andrews (FA) RB Tony Boddie (FA) DE Walt Bowyer (FA) NT Steve Bryan (FA) CB-S Jeremiah Castille (W) CB K.C. Clark (FA) C Mike Freeman (FA) WR Sam Graddy (FA) QB Ken Karcher (FA) T Keith Kartz (FA) G-C Larry Lee (FA) LB Tim Lucas (FA)

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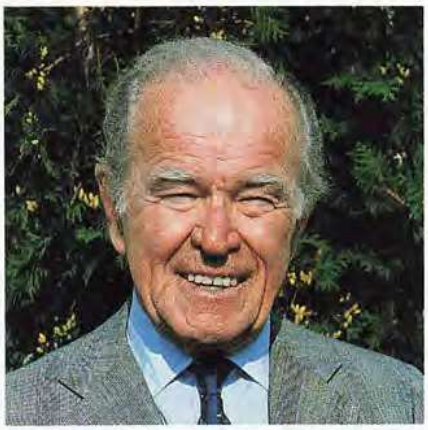

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HOW THEY WERE BUILT

YEAR	DRAFT (31)	TRADE (4)	FREE AGENTS (16)
1975 8-6 3rd, NFC East			DT Dave Butz
1976 10-5 2nd, NFC East			
1977 9-5 2nd, NFC East			
1978 8-8 3rd, NFC East			
1979 10-6 3rd, NFC East	TE Don Warren (4) LB Rich Milot (7) LB Monte Coleman (11)		LB Neal Olkewicz
1980 6-10 3rd, NFC East	WR Art Monk (1)		C Jeff Bostic
1981 8-8 4th, NFC East	T Mark May (1) CB Vernon Dean (2) G Russ Grimm (3) DE Dexter Manley (5) DT Darryl Grant (9) TE Clint Didier (12)		T Joe Jacoby LB Mel Kaufman
1982 12-1 Super Bowl XVII Champions			
1983 16-3 NFC Champions	CB Darrell Green (1) DE Charles Mann (3)		
1984 11-6 1st, NFC East	DE-DT Steve Hamilton (2) QB Jay Schroeder (3) RB Keith Griffin (10) TE Anthony Jones (11) WR Gary Clark (Sup 2) WR-KR Clarence Verdin (Sup 3)		
1985 10-6 3rd, NFC East	CB Barry Wilburn (8) TE Terry Orr (10) G Raleigh McKenzie (11) DT Dean Hamel (12)	RB George Rogers (from New Orleans) G R.C. Thielemann (from Atlanta)	P-K Steve Cox
1986 14-5 2nd, NFC East	DE Markus Koch (2A) S Alvin Walton (3) LB Ravin Caldwell (5) QB Mark Rypien (6) LB Kurt Gouveia (8) WR-KR Eric Yarber (12)	WR Ricky Sanders (from New England) QB Doug Williams (from Tampa Bay)	S Todd Bowles RB Reggie Branch RB Kelvin Bryant CB Tim Morrison
1987 13-4 NFC Champions	CB Brian Davis (2A) RB Timmy Smith (5) S Clarence Vaughn (8)		RB Anthony Allen TE Joe Caravello K Ali Haji-Sheikh C David Jones G Rick Kehr CB Dennis Woodberry

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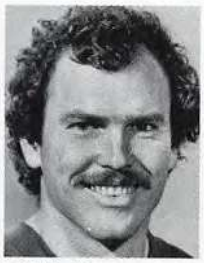
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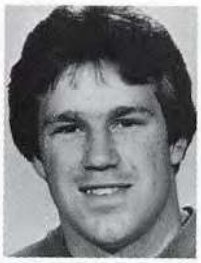
Punter

3 Rich Karlis
Kicker

7 John Elway
Quarterback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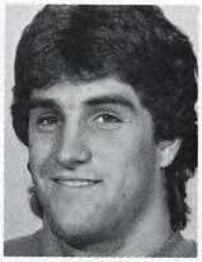
Quarterback

12 Ken Karcher
Quarterback

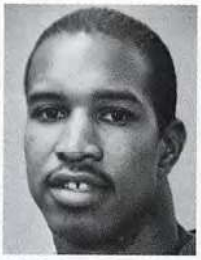

22 Tony Lilly
Safety

23 Sammy Winder
Running Back

24 Tony Boddie
Running Back

27 K. C. Clark
Cornerback

28 Jeremiah Castille
Cornerback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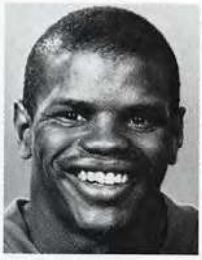
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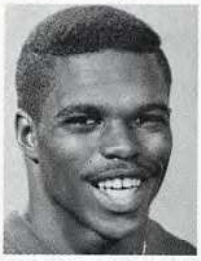
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Running Back

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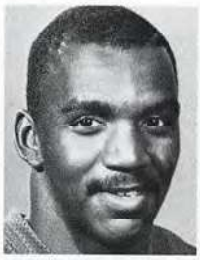
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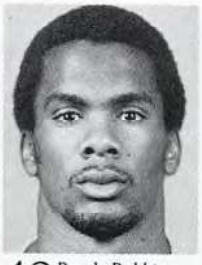
Cornerback

45 Steve Wilson
Cornerback

46 Bobby Micho
Tight End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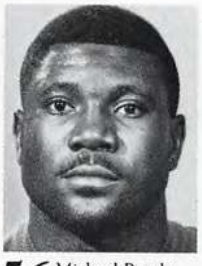
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61 Andre Townsend
Def. End-Nose Tkl.

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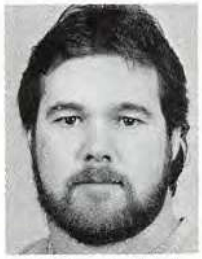
Center

65 Walt Bowyer
Defensive End

68 Larry Lee
Guard-Center



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Nose Tackle

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Tackle

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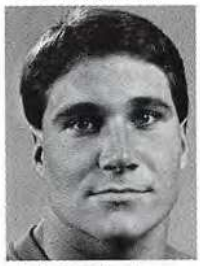

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Tackle

75 Rulon Jones
Defensive End

76 Ken Lanier
Tackle

77 K. Mecklenburg
Linebacker

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Guard

80 Mark Jackson
Wide Receiver

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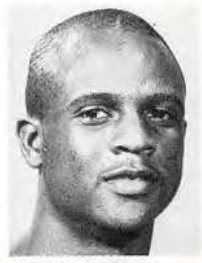
Wide Receiver

82 Vance Johnson
Wide Receiver



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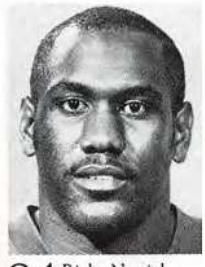
Wide Receiver



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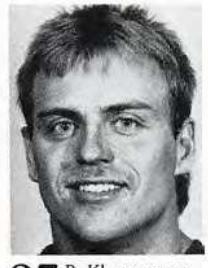
Defensive Lineman



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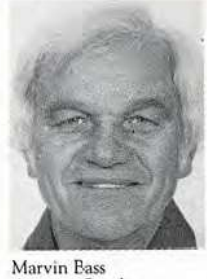

Marvin Bass
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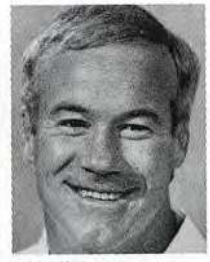

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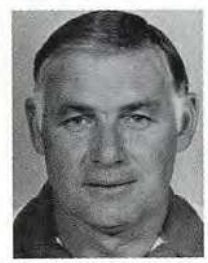

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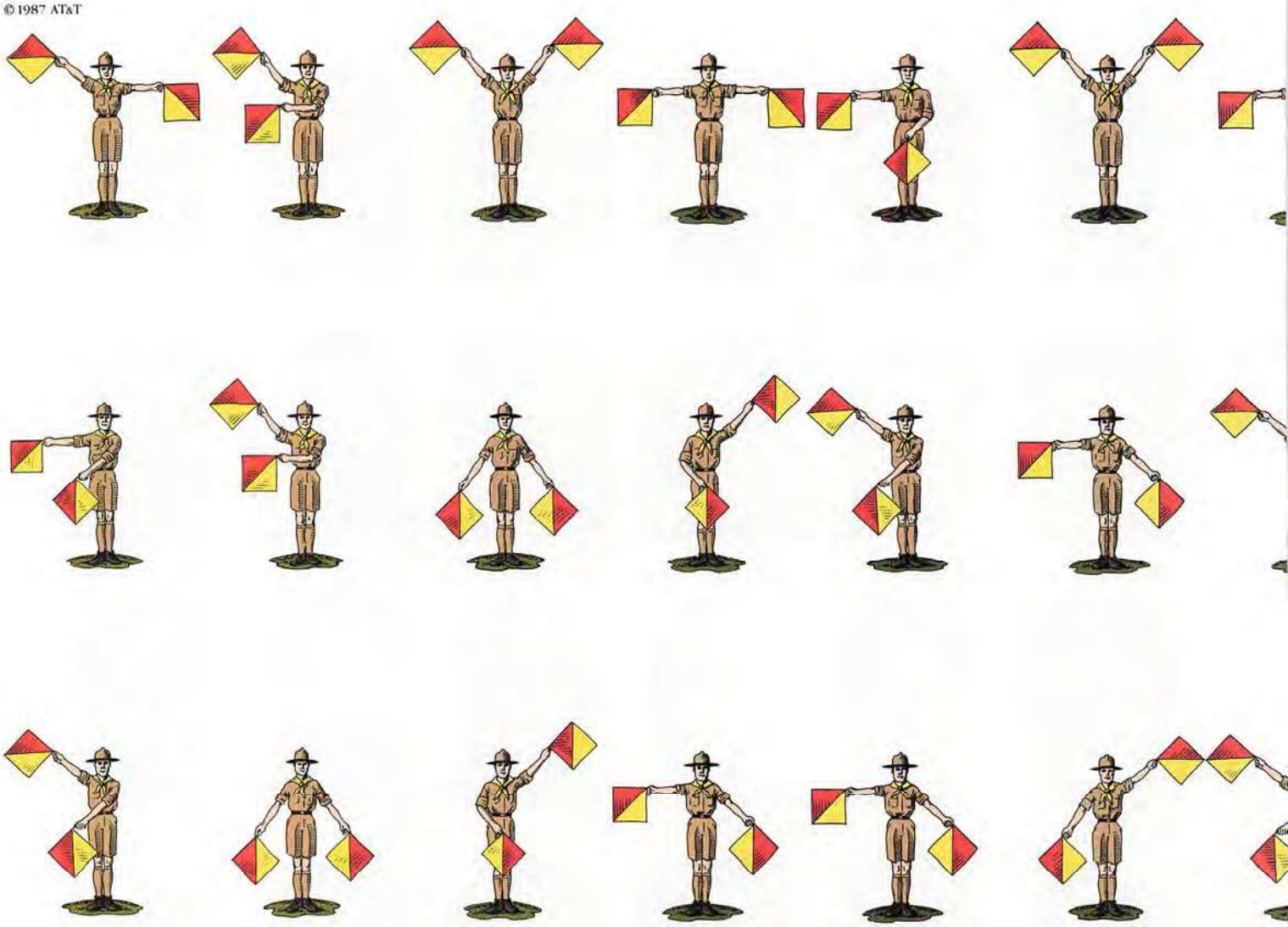

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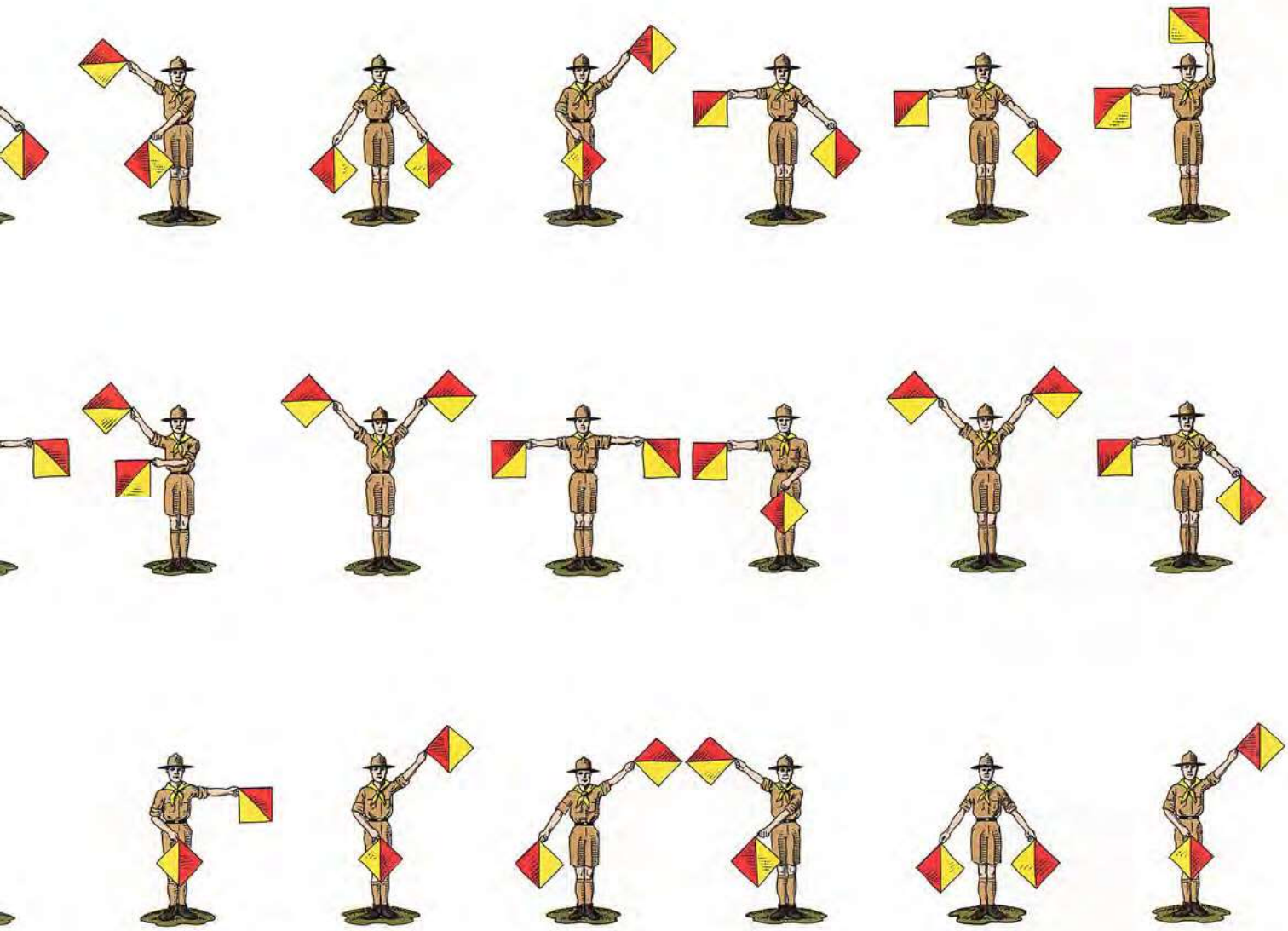

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	NFL Exp.	College
86	Andrews, Mitch	TE	6-2	239	3/4/64	1	LSU
35	Bell, Ken	RB	5-10	190	11/16/64	2	Boston College
54	Bishop, Keith	G-C	6-3	265	3/10/57	7	Baylor
24	Boddie, Tony	RB	5-11	198	11/11/60	1	Montana State
65	Bowyer, Walt	DE	6-4	260	9/8/60	4	Arizona State
34	Braxton, Tyrone	S	5-11	174	12/17/64	R	North Dakota State
56	Brooks, Michael	LB	6-1	235	10/2/64	R	LSU
95	Bryan, Steve	NT	6-2	256	5/6/64	1	Oklahoma
28	Castille, Jeremiah	CB-S	5-10	175	1/15/61	5	Alabama
27	Clark, K.C.	CB	5-10	185	6/8/64	R	San Jose State
55	Dennison, Rick	LB	6-3	220	6/22/58	6	Colorado State
7	Elway, John	QB	6-3	210	6/28/60	5	Stanford
73	Fletcher, Simon	LB	6-5	240	2/18/62	3	Houston
62	Freeman, Mike	C	6-3	256	10/13/61	3	Arizona
90	Gilbert, Freddie	DE	6-4	275	4/8/62	2	Georgia
83	Graddy, Sam	WR	5-10	165	2/10/64	R	Tennessee
36	Haynes, Mark	CB	5-11	195	11/6/58	8	Colorado
2	Horan, Mike	P	5-11	190	2/1/59	4	Long Beach State
79	Humphries, Stefan	G	6-3	268	1/20/62	4	Michigan
98	Hunley, Ricky	LB	6-2	238	11/11/61	4	Arizona
80	Jackson, Mark	WR	5-9	174	7/23/63	2	Purdue
82	Johnson, Vance	WR	5-11	174	3/13/63	3	Arizona
75	Jones, Rulon	DE	6-6	260	3/25/58	8	Utah State
12	Karcher, Ken	QB	6-3	205	7/1/63	1	Tulane
3	Karlis, Rich	K	6-0	180	5/23/59	6	Cincinnati
72	Kartz, Keith	T	6-4	270	5/5/63	1	California
88	Kay, Clarence	TE	6-2	237	7/30/61	4	Georgia
97	Klostermann, Bruce	LB	6-4	225	4/17/63	1	South Dakota State
71	Kragen, Greg	NT	6-3	245	3/4/62	3	Utah State
8	Kubiak, Gary	QB	6-0	192	8/15/61	5	Texas A&M
33	Lang, Gene	RB	5-10	196	3/15/62	4	LSU
76	Lanier, Ken	T	6-3	269	7/8/59	7	Florida State
68	Lee, Larry	G-C	6-2	263	9/10/59	7	UCLA
22	Lilly, Tony	S	6-0	199	2/16/62	4	Florida
59	Lucas, Tim	LB	6-3	230	4/3/61	1	California
77	Mecklenburg, Karl	LB-DE	6-3	230	9/1/60	5	Minnesota
46	Micho, Bobby	TE-RB	6-3	240	3/7/62	3	Texas
89	Mobley, Orson	TE	6-5	256	3/4/63	2	Salem College
84	Nattiel, Ricky	WR	5-9	180	1/25/66	R	Florida
38	Plummer, Bruce	CB	6-1	197	9/1/64	R	Mississippi State
74	Remsberg, Dan	T	6-6	275	4/7/62	2	Abilene Christian
48	Robbins, Randy	S	6-2	189	9/14/62	4	Arizona
50	Ryan, Jim	LB	6-1	225	5/18/57	9	William & Mary
30	Sewell, Steve	RB-WR	6-3	210	4/2/63	3	Oklahoma
49	Smith, Dennis	S	6-3	200	2/3/59	7	USC
70	Studdard, Dave	T	6-4	260	11/22/55	9	Texas
61	Townsend, Andre	DE-NT	6-3	265	10/8/62	4	Mississippi
81	Watson, Steve	WR	6-4	195	5/28/57	9	Temple
45	Wilson, Steve	CB	5-10	195	8/25/57	9	Howard
23	Winder, Sammy	RB	5-11	203	7/15/59	6	Southern Mississippi

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THREE-DEEP LINEUPS

OFFENSE				
WR	**—82 Vance Johnson**	84 Ricky Nattiel	83 Sam Graddy	
LT	**—70 Dave Studdard**	72 Keith Kartz	74 Dan Remsberg	
LG	**—54 Keith Bishop**	68 Larry Lee		
C	**—62 Mike Freeman**	68 Larry Lee		
RG	**—79 Stefan Humphries**	68 Larry Lee		
RT	**—76 Ken Lanier**	72 Keith Kartz	74 Dan Remsberg	
TE	**—88 Clarence Kay**	89 Orson Mobley	46 Bobby Micho	86 Mitch Andrews
WR	**—80 Mark Jackson**	81 Steve Watson		
QB	**— 7 John Elway**	8 Gary Kubiak	12 Ken Karcher	
RB	**—33 Gene Lang**	46 Bobby Micho		
RB	**—23 Sammy Winder**	35 Ken Bell	30 Steve Sewell	24 Tony Boddie
DEFENSE				
LE	**— 61 Andre Townsend**	90 Freddie Gilbert	65 Walt Bowyer	
NT	**—71 Greg Kragen**	95 Steve Bryan		
RE	**—75 Rulon Jones**	65 Walt Bowyer		
LOLB	**—73 Simon Fletcher**	97 Bruce Klostermann		
LILB	**—77 Karl Mecklenburg**	55 Rick Dennison		
RILB	**—98 Ricky Hunley**	55 Rick Dennison		
ROLB	**—50 Jim Ryan**	56 Michael Brooks	59 Tim Lucas	
LCB	**—36 Mark Haynes**	28 Jeremiah Castille	38 Bruce Plummer	
RCB	**—45 Steve Wilson**	28 Jeremiah Castille	27 K.C. Clark	
SS	**—49 Dennis Smith**	48 Randy Robbins	34 Tyrone Braxton	
FS	**—22 Tony Lilly**	48 Randy Robbins		
SPECIALISTS				
P	**— 2 Mike Horan**			
K	**— 3 Rich Karlis**			
H	**— 8 Gary Kubiak**			
PC	**—54 Keith Bishop**			
KC	**—54 Keith Bishop**			
PR	**—27 K.C. Clark**	84 Ricky Nattiel		
KR	**—35 Ken Bell**	84 Ricky Nattiel	82 Vance Johnson	33 Gene Lang

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24	Tony Boddie	RB	73	Simon Fletcher	LB
27	K.C. Clark	CB	74	Dan Remsberg	T
28	Jeremiah Castille	CB-S	75	Rulon Jones	DE
30	Steve Sewell	RB	76	Ken Lanier	T
33	Gene Lang	RB	77	Karl Mecklenburg	LB-DE
34	Tyrone Braxton	S	79	Stefan Humphries	G
35	Ken Bell	RB	80	Mark Jackson	WR
36	Mark Haynes	CB	81	Steve Watson	WR
38	Bruce Plummer	CB	82	Vance Johnson	WR
45	Steve Wilson	CB	83	Sam Graddy	WR
46	Bobby Micho	TE-RB	84	Ricky Nattiel	WR
48	Randy Robbins	S	86	Mitch Andrews	TE
49	Dennis Smith	S	88	Clarence Kay	TE
50	Jim Ryan	LB	89	Orson Mobley	TE
54	Keith Bishop	C-G	90	Freddie Gilbert	DE
55	Rick Dennison	LB	95	Steve Bryan	NT
56	Michael Brooks	LB	97	Bruce Klostermann	LB
59	Tim Lucas	LB	98	Ricky Hunley	LB

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83	Ricky Sanders	WR
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53	Jeff Bostic	C
69	R.C. Thielemann	RG
73	Mark May	RT
86	Clint Didier	TE
84	Gary Clark	WR
17	Doug Williams	QB
38	George Rogers	RB

DEFENSE

71	Charles Mann	LE
65	Dave Butz	LT
77	Darryl Grant	RT
72	Dexter Manley	RE
55	Mel Kaufman	LLB
52	Neal Olkewicz	MLB
51	Monte Coleman	RLB
28	Darrell Green	LCB
45	Barry Wilburn	RCB
40	Alvin Walton	SS
23	Todd Bowles	FS

REDSKINS NUMERICAL ROSTER

6	Ali Haji-Sheikh	K	57	Rich Milot	LB
10	Jay Schroeder	QB	58	David Jones	C
11	Mark Rypien	QB	61	Rick Kehr	G
12	Steve Cox	P-K	63	Raleigh McKenzie	G
17	Doug Williams	QB	64	Steve Hamilton	DE-DT
23	Todd Bowles	S	65	Dave Butz	DT
24	Kelvin Bryant	RB	66	Joe Jacoby	T
28	Darrell Green	CB	68	Russ Grimm	G-C
29	Reggie Branch	RB	69	R. C. Thielemann	G
30	Anthony Allen	RB-WR	71	Charles Mann	DE
31	Clarence Vaughn	S	72	Dexter Manley	DE
32	Vernon Dean	CB	73	Mark May	T
34	Brian Davis	CB	74	Markus Koch	DE
35	Keith Griffin	RB	77	Darryl Grant	DT
36	Timmy Smith	RB	78	Dean Hamel	DT
38	George Rogers	RB	80	Eric Yarber	WR-KR
40	Alvin Walton	S	81	Art Monk	WR
41	Tim Morrison	CB	82	Anthony Jones	TE
45	Barry Wilburn	CB	83	Ricky Sanders	WR
46	Dennis Woodberry	CB	84	Gary Clark	WR
50	Ravin Caldwell	LB	85	Don Warren	TE
51	Monte Coleman	LB	86	Clint Didier	TE
52	Neal Olkewicz	LB	87	Terry Orr	TE
53	Jeff Bostic	C	88	Joe Caravello	TE
54	Kurt Gouveia	LB	89	Clarence Verdin	WR-KR
55	Mel Kaufman	LB			

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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	NFL Exp.	College
30	Allen, Anthony	RB-WR	5-11	182	6/29/59	3	Washington
53	Bostic, Jeff	C	6-2	260	9/18/58	8	Clemson
23	Bowles, Todd	S	6-2	203	11/18/63	2	Temple
29	Branch, Reggie	RB	5-11	235	10/22/62	3	East Carolina
24	Bryant, Kelvin	RB	6-2	195	9/26/60	2	North Carolina
65	Butz, Dave	DT	6-7	295	6/23/50	14	Purdue
50	Caldwell, Ravin	LB	6-3	229	8/4/63	1	Arkansas
88	Caravello, Joe	TE	6-3	270	6/6/63	1	Tulane
84	Clark, Gary	WR	5-9	173	5/1/62	3	James Madison
51	Coleman, Monte	LB	6-2	230	11/4/57	9	Central Arkansas
12	Cox, Steve	P-K	6-4	195	5/11/58	7	Arkansas
34	Davis, Brian	CB	6-2	190	8/31/63	R	Nebraska
32	Dean, Vernon	CB	5-11	178	5/5/59	6	San Diego State
86	Didier, Clint	TE	6-5	240	4/4/59	6	Portland State
54	Gouveia, Kurt	LB	6-1	227	9/14/64	1	BYU
77	Grant, Darryl	DT	6-1	275	11/22/59	7	Rice
28	Green, Darrell	CB	5-8	170	2/15/60	5	Texas A&I
35	Griffin, Keith	RB	5-8	185	10/26/61	4	Miami
68	Grimm, Russ	G-C	6-3	275	5/2/59	7	Pittsburgh
6	Haji-Sheikh, Ali	K	6-0	172	1/11/61	5	Michigan
78	Hamel, Dean	DT	6-3	290	7/7/61	3	Tulsa
64	Hamilton, Steve	DE-DT	6-4	270	9/28/61	3	East Carolina
66	Jacoby, Joe	T	6-7	305	7/6/59	7	Louisville
82	Jones, Anthony	TE	6-3	248	5/16/60	4	Wichita State
58	Jones, David	C	6-3	266	10/25/61	3	Texas
55	Kaufman, Mel	LB	6-2	230	2/24/58	6	Cal Poly-SLO
61	Kehr, Rick	G	6-3	285	6/18/59	1	Carthage
74	Koch, Markus	DE	6-5	275	2/13/63	2	Boise State
72	Manley, Dexter	DE	6-3	257	2/2/59	7	Oklahoma State
71	Mann, Charles	DE	6-6	270	4/12/61	5	Nevada-Reno
73	May, Mark	T	6-6	295	11/2/59	7	Pittsburgh
63	McKenzie, Raleigh	G	6-2	275	2/8/63	3	Tennessee
57	Milot, Rich	LB	6-4	237	5/28/57	9	Penn State
81	Monk, Art	WR	6-3	209	12/5/57	8	Syracuse
41	Morrison, Tim	CB	6-1	195	4/3/63	2	North Carolina
52	Olkewicz, Neal	LB	6-0	233	1/30/57	9	Maryland
87	Orr, Terry	TE	6-3	227	9/27/61	2	Texas
38	Rogers, George	RB	6-2	229	12/8/58	7	South Carolina
11	Rypien, Mark	QB	6-4	234	10/2/62	1	Washington State
83	Sanders, Ricky	WR	5-11	180	8/30/62	2	Southwest Texas State
10	Schroeder, Jay	QB	6-4	215	6/28/61	4	UCLA
36	Smith, Timmy	RB	5-11	216	1/21/64	R	Texas Tech
69	Thielemann, R.C.	G	6-4	272	8/12/55	11	Arkansas
31	Vaughn, Clarence	S	6-0	202	7/17/64	R	Northern Illinois
89	Verdin, Clarence	WR-KR	5-8	160	6/14/64	2	Southwest Louisiana
40	Walton, Alvin	S	6-0	180	3/14/64	2	Kansas
85	Warren, Don	TE	6-4	242	5/5/56	9	San Diego State
45	Wilburn, Barry	CB	6-3	186	12/9/63	3	Mississippi
17	Williams, Doug	QB	6-4	220	8/9/55	7	Grambling
46	Woodberry, Dennis	CB	5-10	183	4/22/61	2	Southern Arkansas
80	Yarber, Eric	WR-KR	5-8	156	9/22/63	2	Idaho

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OFFENSE				
WR	**—83 Ricky Sanders**	81 Art Monk	30 Anthony Allen	
TE	**—85 Don Warren**	88 Joe Caravello	87 Terry Orr	
LT	**—66 Joe Jacoby**			
LG	**—63 Raleigh McKenzie**	68 Russ Grimm	61 Rick Kehr	
C	**—53 Jeff Bostic**	63 Raleigh McKenzie	58 David Jones	
RG	**—69 R.C. Thielemann**	61 Rick Kehr		
RT	**—73 Mark May**			
TE	**—86 Clint Didier**	88 Joe Caravello	82 Anthony Jones	
WR	**—84 Gary Clark**	80 Eric Yarber	89 Clarence Verdin	
QB	**—17 Doug Williams**	10 Jay Schroeder	11 Mark Rypien	
RB	**—38 George Rogers**	35 Keith Griffin	29 Reggie Branch	
		24 Kelvin Bryant		
		36 Timmy Smith	87 Terry Orr	
DEFENSE				
LE	**—71 Charles Mann**	64 Steve Hamilton		
LT	**—65 Dave Butz**	78 Dean Hamel		
RT	**—77 Darryl Grant**	78 Dean Hamel	64 Steve Hamilton	
RE	**—72 Dexter Manley**	74 Markus Koch	64 Steve Hamilton	
LLB	**—55 Mel Kaufman**	57 Rich Milot		
MLB	**—52 Neal Olkewicz**	57 Rich Milot	54 Kurt Gouveia	
RLB	**—51 Monte Coleman**	50 Ravin Caldwell		
LCB	**—28 Darrell Green**	46 Dennis Woodberry	34 Brian Davis	
RCB	**—45 Barry Wilburn**	46 Dennis Woodberry	41 Tim Morrison	
SS	**—40 Alvin Walton**	32 Vernon Dean	31 Clarence Vaughn	
FS	**—23 Todd Bowles**	32 Vernon Dean	31 Clarence Vaughn	
SPECIALISTS				
P	**—12 Steve Cox**	10 Jay Schroeder		
K	**— 6 Ali Haji-Sheikh**	12 Steve Cox		
H	**—10 Jay Schroeder**	80 Eric Yarber		
PC	**—58 David Jones**	53 Jeff Bostic	77 Darryl Grant	
KC	**—58 David Jones**	77 Darryl Grant	53 Jeff Bostic	
PR	**—80 Eric Yarber**	83 Ricky Sanders	28 Darrell Green	
KR	**—35 Keith Griffin**	83 Ricky Sanders	29 Reggie Branch	

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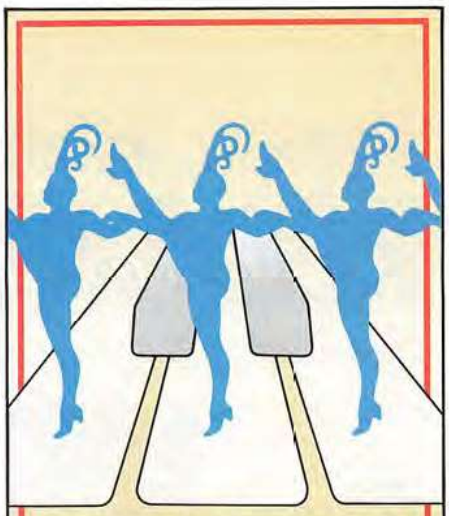

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6 Ali Haji-Sheikh
Kicker

10 Jay Schroeder
Quarterback

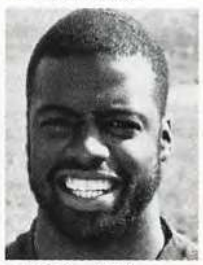
11 Mark Rypien
Quarterback

12 Steve Cox
Punter-Kicker

17 Doug Williams
Quarterback

23 Todd Bowles
Safety

24 Kelvin Bryant
Running Back



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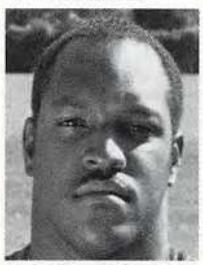

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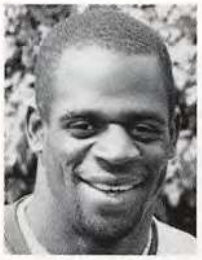

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34 Brian Davis
Cornerback

35 Keith Griffin
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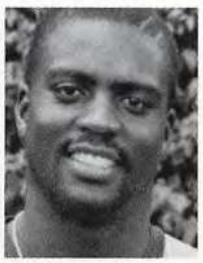

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Running Back

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41 Tim Morrison
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Linebacker

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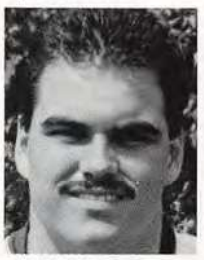
Center



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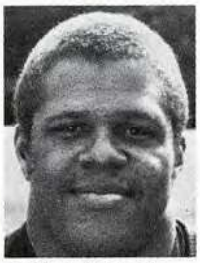

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Guard

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Defensive End

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68 Russ Grimm
Center-Guard

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Guard

71 Charles Mann
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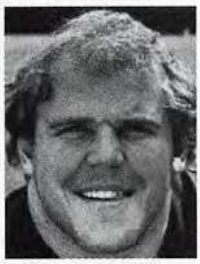

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Defensive Tackle

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Wide Receiver

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Wide Receiver

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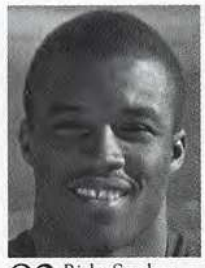
Tight End



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32 Pro Football Hall of Fame Members Are Super Bowl Alumni

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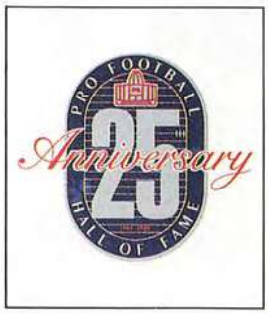

Time is relative. In some areas of Europe, World War I still is a cause for mourning, and many people think that if someone speaks of yesteryear, he means a time when kings still ruled the countries from castles that had to be heated by fireplaces.

On the other hand, in the United States, the early Twentieth Century is the distant past.

Some people have an even shorter view of time and history. In the sports world, for example, 25 years is a long time.

To many, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas in the all-too-recent past. In the same month, Roger Staubach, a junior at the United States Naval Academy, won the Heisman Trophy, and a baby named Bernie Kosar was born in Boardman, Ohio.

A lot of other things happened in sports in 1963. Sandy Koufax pitched the Los Angeles Dodgers to a sweep of the New York Yankees in the World Series. Wilt Chamberlain and the Philadelphia Warriors moved to San Francisco. Darrell Royal and his Texas Longhorns defeated Staubach and Navy in the Cotton Bowl to win the collegiate football championship. Jim Brown of the Cleveland Browns set the NFL rushing record with 1,863 yards. George Halas won his last NFL championship as the head coach of the Chicago Bears.

Almost unnoticed on September 7, 1963, were the dedication ceremonies of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, the birthplace of the National Football League. Most of the other things that happened that year are just memories, but the Hall of Fame still is going strong, and this year it celebrates

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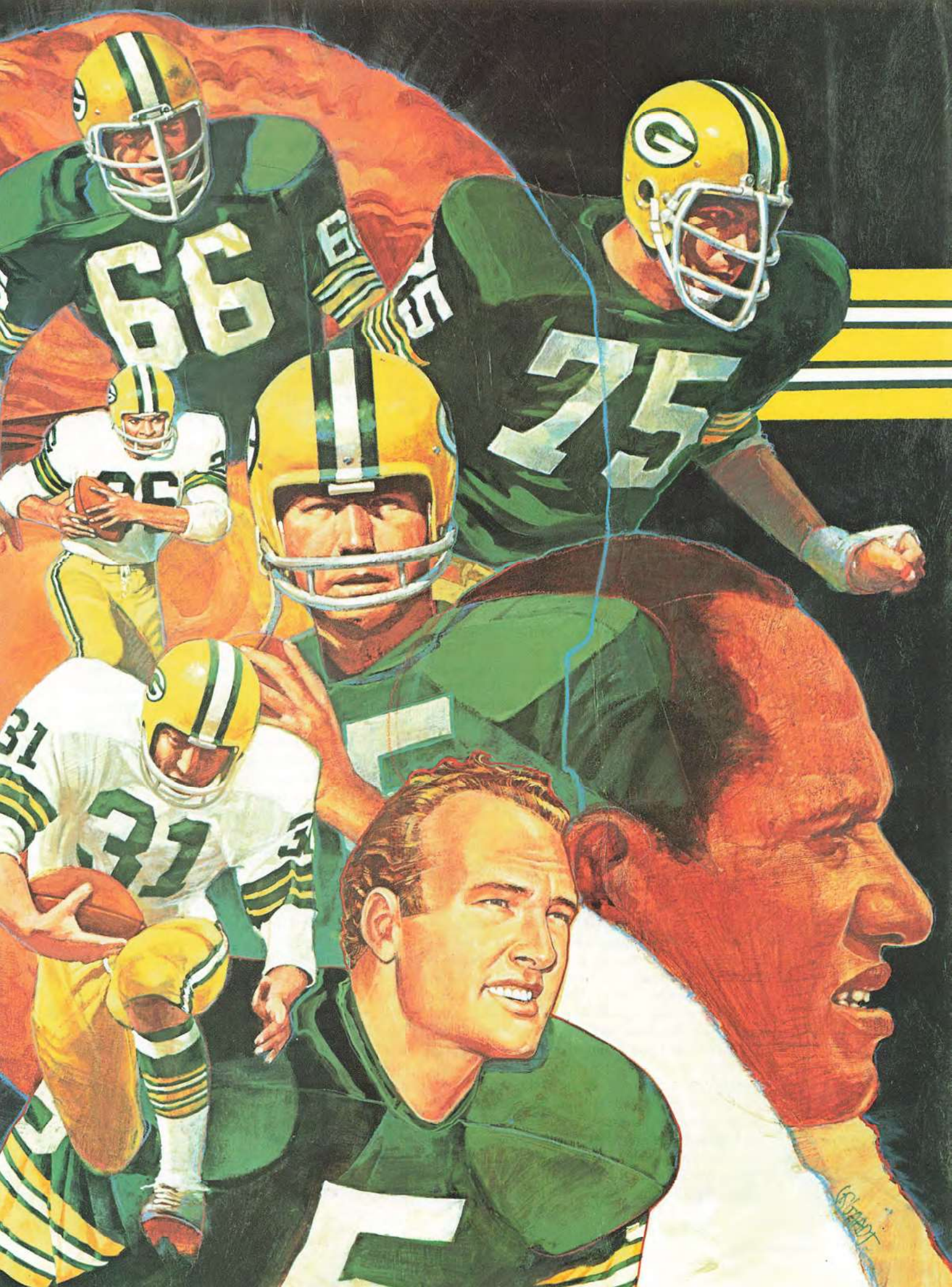
Opposite: The Green Bay Packers of the Hall of Fame and Super Bowl—Vince Lombardi (rear), with, clockwise from top, Ray Nitschke (66), Forrest Gregg (75), Willie Davis, Paul Hornung (5), Jim Taylor (31), Herb Adderley (26), and Bart Starr (15).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Opposite: The Hall of Fame members of the Kansas City Chiefs—clockwise from top: Lamar Hunt, Bobby Bell (78), Len Dawson (16), and Willie Lanier (63).

its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame serves many functions, including researching the history of pro football, preserving the mementos of the past, serving as a national focal point for interest in the game, and honoring the immortals of the sport.

No individual honor in pro football is as great as being enshrined in the Hall of Fame. At the same time, football is a sport in which team goals come first. And the goal for every team is to win the Super Bowl.

Dallas linebacker Chuck Howley was the most valuable player of Super Bowl V, and the only member of a losing team ever to win the Super Bowl MVP award. After the 16-13 loss to Baltimore, he didn't even address having won the award, stating simply, "Freak plays beat us. In fact, I don't feel like we were beat. I feel like we won, but they got the title."

A year later, after his team had won at last, defeating the Dolphins 24-3 in Super Bowl VI, Howley finally acknowledged his MVP award, but only to express regret that the Cowboys hadn't won two Super Bowls in a row and to emphasize that he still would gladly give up the honor in exchange for a victory the year before.

In recent years, the team goals associated with playing in a Super Bowl have become correlated with the individual honor of election to the Hall of Fame. With two exceptions, all new members of the Hall of Fame the past three years either performed before the Super Bowl existed or played on a Super Bowl team. Of the modern players, only running back O.J. Simpson and safety Ken Houston made it without having been on a Super Bowl team. Twenty-four percent of the inductees in the Hall of Fame, 33 of the 140, have been associated with the Super Bowl.

No two individuals have been more important to the development of the Super Bowl—and of modern pro football as a whole—than two members of the Hall of Fame, NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, who was inducted in 1985, and Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt, class of 1972.

Beginning in 1960, Rozelle led pro football to unprecedented popularity and helped elevate the sport to an important and unique place not only in the entertainment industry, but in the sociological structure of the United States. Rozelle also had the vision of what the Super Bowl could—and has—become.

"Watching the Super Bowl grow in popularity and acceptance has been very gratifying," Rozelle says. "It has changed from a game that didn't even sell out its first year to one that has become the most-watched television event in the world.

"Each of the individual games has been special in its own way, but one specific moment really stands out. It was quite an experience being present in an emotional Steelers locker room on January 12, 1975, when Art Rooney, the beloved Patriarch of Pittsburgh, finally achieved his first NFL championship after forty-two years. Little did we know that his club would capture three more Super Bowl titles during the next five seasons."

Despite Rozelle's influence, the game wouldn't have happened without Hunt. In 1960, the same year Rozelle became NFL Commissioner, Hunt's supposed new folly, the American Football League, came off the drawing boards and onto the playing fields. Six years later, in April, 1966, Hunt and Dallas Cowboys president Tex Schramm met to discuss a possible merger of the two warring leagues. After two months of extended negotiations, the merger was approved with the support of Rozelle, leading directly to a joining of the two leagues and the establishment of the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game. Hunt even gave the game the name it soon would adopt officially—Super Bowl.

Appropriately, the first Super Bowl, held in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, matched Hunt's Chiefs with the NFL's powerhouse of the 1960s—the Green Bay Packers of coach Vince Lombardi.

"The first Super Bowl truly was a unique event," says Willie Davis, the former Green Bay captain and defensive end who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1981. "We didn't go into it with quite the same view as players do today, because none of us realized we were on the front end of something that would turn into such a spectacle."

Even though the game wasn't the glamorous event it is today, the Packers had their own kind of pressure. They were the team with everything to lose and nothing to gain. Although most people thought the NFL and its teams were far superior to the AFL—and the Packers far superior to the rest of the NFL—there still was the nagging fear: What if the Packers actually lost? Would they be jokes throughout the NFL and the rest of the sports world? Would they reduce the NFL itself to a laughingstock?

"From that standpoint, the game probably had as much pressure as any I ever played in," says Davis, one of eight Packers who have been selected to the Hall of Fame after being with the team for Super Bowl I. "It was the first time—other than the Pro Bowl—where you had the feeling that players from other teams were on your side. That added to the pressure. We were representing not only ourselves and our fans, but all of the NFL's players and fans."

Despite being heavily favored, the Packers took the game very seriously.

"We knew the Chiefs were physically strong and very talented," says Bart Starr, the Packers' quarterback who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in

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1977. "They had a lot of big-name players who obviously played together very well. But beyond that, they were kind of a mystery. They had so many variations offensively and defensively, that we didn't know what to expect from them. Of course, coach Vince Lombardi came up with a great game plan—one that fully exploited the weaknesses of their linebackers in pass coverage and that took advantage of their tendencies to blitz a lot. But we didn't know for sure until the game that it would work. So, for the entire time before the game, coach Lombardi really worked us, without allowing us time to think about anything but the Chiefs. . . the Chiefs. . . the Chiefs."

Lombardi was a different man as the Super Bowl got closer and closer.

"Lombardi was more bothered, more nervous, and more focused on that game than any other in the time I played for him," Davis says. "During those two weeks, he was raw the whole time. As raw as I ever saw him."

The game was played two weeks after the league championship games, making the experience more difficult.

"When you wait so long, you end up spending a lot of time thinking," Davis says. "You think about what you might accomplish, and of what you might *not* accomplish. That was a worrisome time. But when we took the field, we had considered every question about the loss of personal reputation, team pride and tradition, and league image should we lose the game. And we knew we simply had to win. We couldn't afford to lose.

"Unfortunately, we played the first half of the game that way. We were very conservative because we didn't want to make a mistake. We actually seemed more interested in not losing than we did in winning. Then at halftime, when we were only ahead 14-10, Lombardi told us, 'Gentlemen, you've played thirty minutes adjusting to the Kansas City Chiefs. Now you need to play thirty minutes the way you can play and let the Chiefs adjust to you.'

"We all knew he was right, and we went out and did it. Our defense—and particularly one interception by Willie Wood—turned it around. After the game, we could relax. But it was an unusual feeling, because I was more relieved than I was excited."

The next year, the Packers were back in another Super Bowl. The pressure was equally as great in a different way, but they responded to it successfully.

"The game against the Oakland Raiders was a very emotional game, because Lombardi had indicated to us during the week that it would be his last game," Davis says. "Just as the year before, when we wanted to win the game for everyone in the league, we really wanted to win this game for Lombardi as much as for ourselves."

The Packers had few problems, building up a 16-0 lead before cruising to a 33-14 victory.

"We were very relaxed and very sure of ourselves by the time the game came around," says Starr, who was named the most valuable player in each of the first two Super Bowls. "We knew we would win if we played our game, and if we followed the game plan that coach Lombardi had developed. That's the way it happened. We played solidly, we didn't make any critical errors, and we won going away."

A year later, another NFL team was supposed to win going away. The Baltimore Colts were being hailed as one of the great teams of all time. But the AFL's New York Jets administered the most shocking upset in pro football history, defeating the Colts 16-7.

The man of the hour was Joe Namath, the Jets' quarterback, who was named the game's most valuable player. In the week prior to the game, Namath had "guaranteed" his team would win.

"People say that I said all those things before the game because I wanted to fire up my teammates," says Namath, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1985. "But that's crazy. I said them because I knew we were the best, and I knew we were going to win. I was just speaking the truth."

Nonetheless, the game made a national hero of Namath, and helped propel him straight to the Hall of Fame, despite the rest of his career being injury-plagued and somewhat less than successful in terms of victories and defeats. Even Super Bowl III was not really a victory that was solely his. A lot of the credit had to be given to a bumbling Baltimore offense that squandered opportunity after opportunity. And, of course, to a number of other Jets.

"I think Matt Snell was the most valuable offensive player in the Super Bowl that day," Namath says. "Everyone talked about how well I picked up Baltimore's blitzes and how well I read their defenses. But give credit where it's due. Matt Snell and Emerson Boozer and Billy Mathis were the guys blocking on those blitzes. And Matt Snell pounding out those yards set up my passing, not the other way around. And despite Don Maynard playing hurt, George Sauer was open all day long, catching those passes. I didn't just go out and win that game."

Yet Namath was a key, not only with his 17-of-28 passing performance, but with his unshakable confidence that certainly helped his own team and might well have hurt the Colts.

"I've always wondered about how the Colts reacted to Joe's style," says Sauer, who caught eight passes for 133 yards in the game. "There were scattered comments expressing indignation, and I think they were somehow scandalized that anyone would ap-

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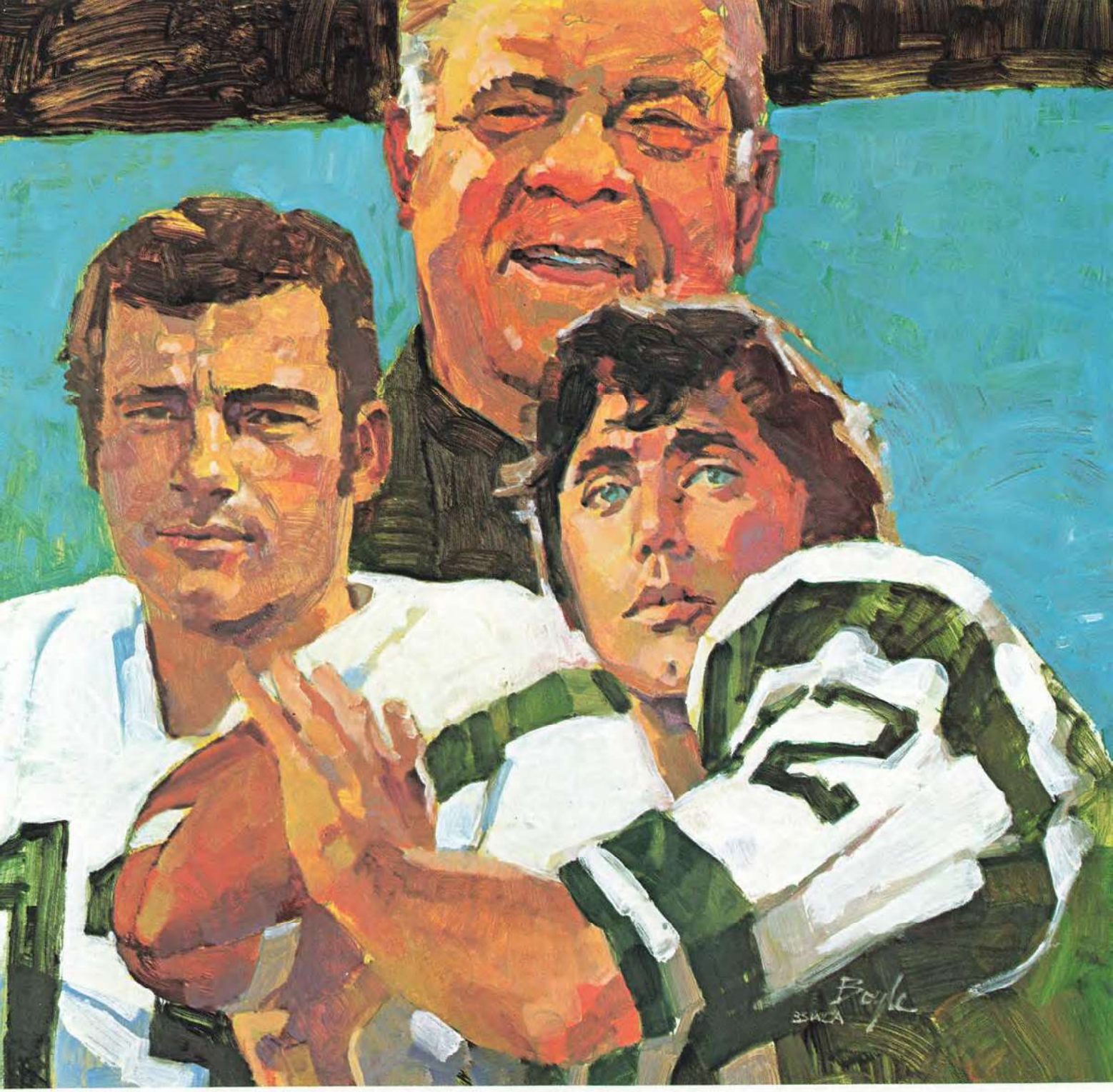

The New York Jets in the Hall of Fame —from left: Don Maynard, Weeb Ewbank, and Joe Namath.

proach an event of such magnitude with such an attitude. I believe it affected their preparation, making them tense without intensity."

That was one thing the Jets didn't lack, and one thing that has marked all of the Super Bowl winners.

"You know, to win the Super Bowl, the whole team has to pull together and put out a complete effort," Namath says. "They all have to really want to win, and they also have to believe deep within themselves that they *can* win."

The next year, in Super Bowl IV, Namath's theory was proven right. A Kansas City team playing with the memory of having lost to the Packers three years before came into Tulane Stadium in New Orleans and thrashed the NFL champion Minnesota Vikings.

"Those games were like night and day from each other," says Len Dawson, who was the Chiefs' quarterback at the time and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1987. "The first Super Bowl was the AFL's chance to prove that it belonged with the NFL, and we had the honor of the entire league riding with us. That was a lot of pressure. We were a very good football team, but we certainly weren't as consistent and proven as the Packers, and we were somewhat intimidated by them.

"Although we did have a good game plan and good practices before the game, we made some mistakes by putting ourselves in the limelight for too long. We

The Hall of Fame members of the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders—from left: Gene Upshaw (63), Willie Brown (24), George Blanda (16), and Jim Otto (00).

always had open practices and our players were constantly being interviewed and having their free time—and the time they should have been thinking about the game—disturbed. The more we talked about the game to the media, the more hyped up we got, and the tighter and tighter we got. The last day or two before the game, our players couldn't keep their food down, couldn't sleep, and were far too emotionally high.

"When the game actually started, we were just too high. At the time, I remember thinking that we would be able to play hard, but that we wouldn't be able to do things intelligently, calmly, coolly.

"We played a tough first half, but then a couple of things went wrong in the second half and we ended up getting embarrassed. I knew that we would have to live with that until we made the Super Bowl again."

Three years later, in the last Super Bowl between the AFL and NFL, Dawson and the Chiefs got their chance to redeem themselves.

"Before Super Bowl IV, everyone was terribly nervous," says Dawson, who had the added pressure of being linked to a gambling investigation (the rumors proved false). "However, it wasn't like it had been the first time. This time everyone knew we could win the game. Our offense was more versatile, our defense was considerably stronger, and we were all older and wiser. We realized that, sure, it was a special football game, but it still *was* a football game. So we went out and played football like we knew we could."

The result was a 23-7 victory for the Chiefs, the most valuable player award for Dawson, and almost universal acceptance of head coach Hank Stram's innovations, such as the moving pocket and constant use of multiple formations.

"Obviously, the Super Bowl victory was important to everyone in the Chiefs' organization," Dawson says, "especially Lamar Hunt and Hank Stram. But I don't think anyone was happier or more relieved than I was. I didn't have to answer any more questions about being involved with gamblers, and I was vindicated as a quarterback. I was the happiest guy on earth."

No one has exemplified the disappointment of Super Bowl defeat and the joy of Super Bowl victory more than former Dallas defensive tackle Bob Lilly, the first player ever chosen by the Cowboys, an 11-time Pro Bowl selection, and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame class of 1980.

Lilly had been the cornerstone of the Dallas defense from the beginning, long before it earned the nickname, "Doomsday." He was one of the forces that led the Cowboys' charge from mediocrity to excellence. But, as the team won the division, then lost in the playoffs year after year, earning the moniker "next year's champions," Lilly also was one of those who took each year's closing loss the hardest.

"There were some pretty pathetic days early on," Lilly says. "But then there were some pretty high times, like in 1966, when we won our first Eastern Conference title. After that, though, were the bitter disappointments—losing two championship games to those great teams from Green Bay, losing two playoff games to Cleveland teams we felt we were better than, and then that sick feeling when we lost to Baltimore in our first Super Bowl."

After Super Bowl V, when Jim O'Brien kicked the winning points with five seconds left for the 16-13 Baltimore victory, Lilly personified the gut-wrenching distress of the Cowboys. As the game ended, he threw his helmet half the length of the field.

"I was just so damned mad and upset that I could have killed someone," he says. "I couldn't control myself."

And so the Cowboys continued where they had been for the past five years: possibly the most talented team in football but one seemingly not able to win the big one. That changed in January, 1972.

"Super Bowl VI is the one game I'll always be able to recall, to picture vividly," Lilly says. "We were as ready to play as any team must ever have been. We were playing great football—we had won nine in a row—and we knew that all we had to do to win was play like we'd been doing through that entire time. We arrived at the stadium ready to turn in a flawless performance."

That is virtually what the Cowboys did. In defeating the Miami Dolphins 24-3, they became the first—and still the only—team to not allow a touchdown in the Super Bowl. They also set a record with 252 rushing yards, while holding Miami to only 185 total yards. And they shut down a play that had been suggested to Miami head coach Don Shula by President Richard Nixon, who had told Shula, "The Cowboys are a good defensive team, but I think you can hit Paul Warfield on that down-and-in pattern."

The biggest defensive play of the day was turned in by Lilly. Late in the first quarter, with a third down at the Dolphins' 38, Miami quarterback Bob Griese went back to pass. With no receivers open, Griese scrambled backwards, trying to avoid Lilly. When Griese turned to his right, there was Lilly. When Griese turned to his left, there was Lilly. And thus the chase continued, until Lilly sacked Griese for a 29-yard loss, still the longest in Super Bowl history.

"It sounds like a line, but it's true," Lilly says. "I think that day there were no individual performances that stood out above the others. Every player on the team had a great day. It simply was the kind of team effort that coaches like to dream about and the kind that players will remember forever if they are

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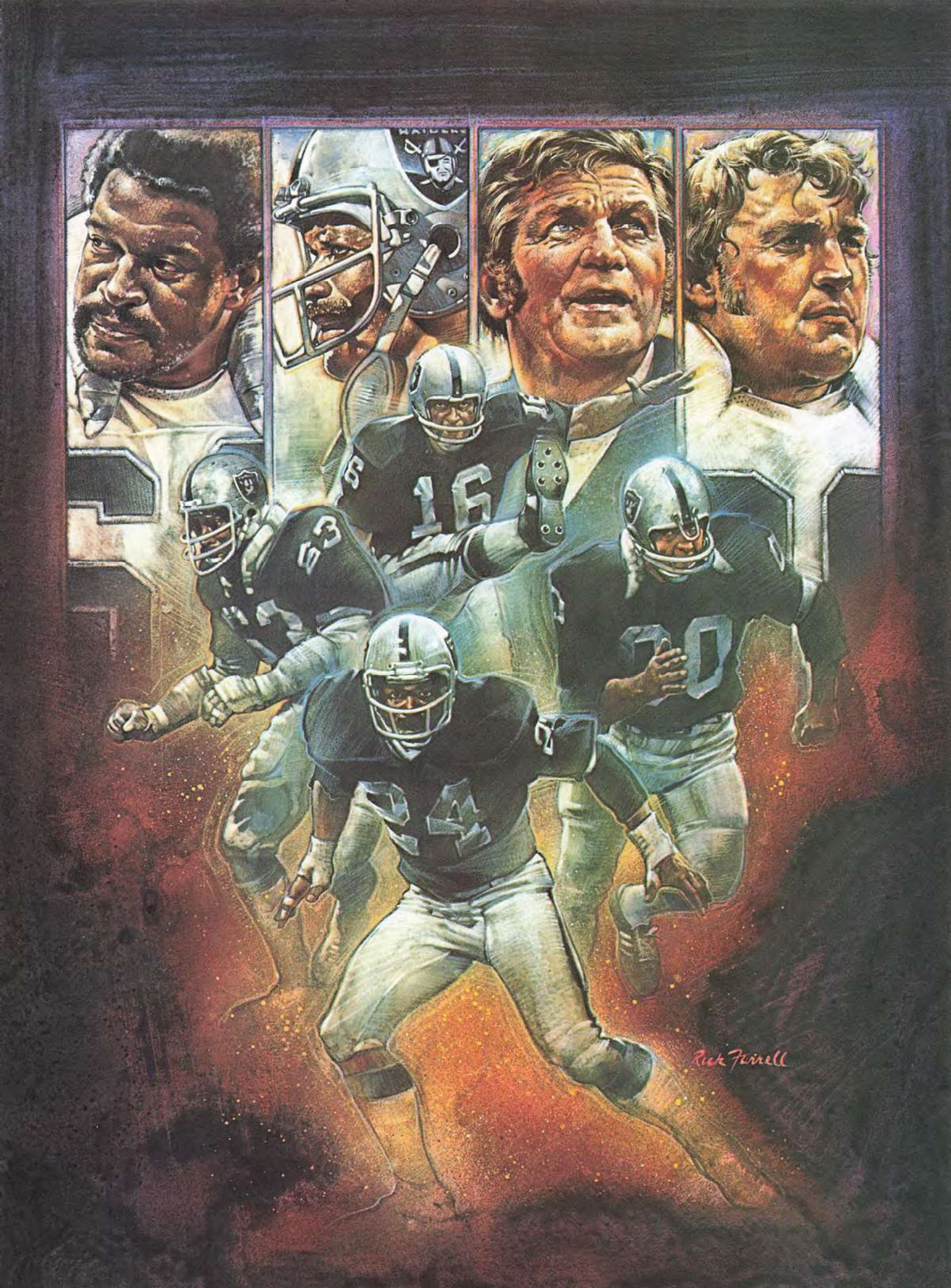
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fortunate enough to get to be part of it."

At the end of the game, Lilly finally was one of the champions.

"God, what a relief it was," he says. "After all those games and all those disappointments, we had finally done it. I can't tell you—I simply can't put into words—how I felt, how we all felt. After going through what we had all gone through together, it was a thrill that we all felt and that we all understood the others were having, but that never had to be—or could be—exactly expressed.

"As for me, I can tell you flat out that it was the greatest thrill of my career. Getting inducted into the Hall of Fame was wonderful, something to be cherished forever, but it couldn't compare to winning the Super Bowl after all we'd gone through for so many years. In retrospect, you might even say that was the beginning of the end of my career. Oh, I played hard after that Super Bowl win, but, somehow, it was never as much fun."

Lilly wasn't the only player who reached the height of his career that day, but a number of Dallas players would be back again, in Super Bowls X, XII, and XIII, the second of which they won 27-10 over the Denver Broncos.

"The aftermath of winning Super Bowl VI was actually the highlight of my career in many ways," says former Dallas quarterback Roger Staubach, who was the game's most valuable player and who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1985. "Winning the first Super Bowl is an unbelievable thrill, with feelings that you can't quite explain. After winning again in Super Bowl XII, the team was a little more reflective. The best thing about the second one is that it shows the first time wasn't a fluke. It means you are truly a great team. So that second one was important, but not quite as much so as the first one, either to the players or to the coaching staff."

Indeed, after Super Bowl VI, perhaps nothing could express the Cowboys' feelings of sheer relief as much as the look on head coach Tom Landry's face.

"I was so happy not only myself, but for Landry," Lilly says. "He was just a walking smile, and that wasn't something we had seen a whole lot through the years. I had known him for a long time, so I figured that I could guess what winning the Super Bowl meant to him."

And how did Landry respond after *his* first Super Bowl victory? Well, for one thing, he talked to President Richard Nixon, who called him on the phone. When asked after the conversation what the President had said, Landry responded, "It was a bad connection, but I did get that he felt the offensive line did a great job."

Landry's smile was even broader when he was asked if Nixon mentioned the down-and-in pass he suggested throwing to Warfield.

"No," he said. "When your down-and-ins aren't working, you don't mention 'em."

Richard Nixon might have been the only person who couldn't make a huge success out of Paul Warfield's enormous talents. As a rookie out of Ohio State in 1964, Warfield started for the last Cleveland team to win the NFL championship. Six years later, he was traded to Miami, and the Dolphins made the playoffs for the first time. The next year his team went to Super Bowl VI; the year after that they won Super Bowl VII, for the only perfect season ever; the following season they became the only team to go to the Super Bowl three years in a row.

"I was fortunate to go to the Dolphins at the same time that Don Shula came in as head coach," says Warfield, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1983. "Shula had a lot of young talent and he knew how to put it together and build a champion."

For Warfield, like most of the Dolphins, the three successive Super Bowls led to a variety of emotions.

"The first year, when we played the Cowboys, we were kind of intimidated by the whole experience," he says. "We were still young, and we weren't even supposed to have gotten that far. First, everybody said the Chiefs were going to beat us, but we won that grueling double-overtime game. Then, the next week, the Colts were supposed to beat us, even though we had won the division and they had finished second behind us. We shut them out 21-0 with a very solid team performance. Then the Cowboys were supposed to beat us. They did, but even after we lost, it didn't seem like the world was ending. We had been getting better with each game, and most of the guys figured that if we kept working we could make it back the next year and win it."

Nobody, including Warfield, expected the results the Dolphins achieved in 1972. Despite the loss of starting quarterback Bob Griese for much of the season with a broken ankle, the Dolphins roared to a 16-0 record going into Super Bowl VII.

"All of us were upset that Washington was favored in that game," Warfield says. "We were on the verge of making history, of becoming the first perfect-record team ever, and we were the underdogs. That helped fire everybody up just a little more, as if we needed firing up when we were a game away from being the champions.

"A lot of people made a big thing about our desire to be a perfect-record team. Heck, by the time we got into the playoffs, our first desire was simply to win the title. Now to do that, we had to be undefeated, but that wasn't the first thing in our minds.

"Personally, I didn't want to spend the offseason saying, 'Maybe next year.' I wanted it this year."

He got it. In a virtually perfect defensive perform-

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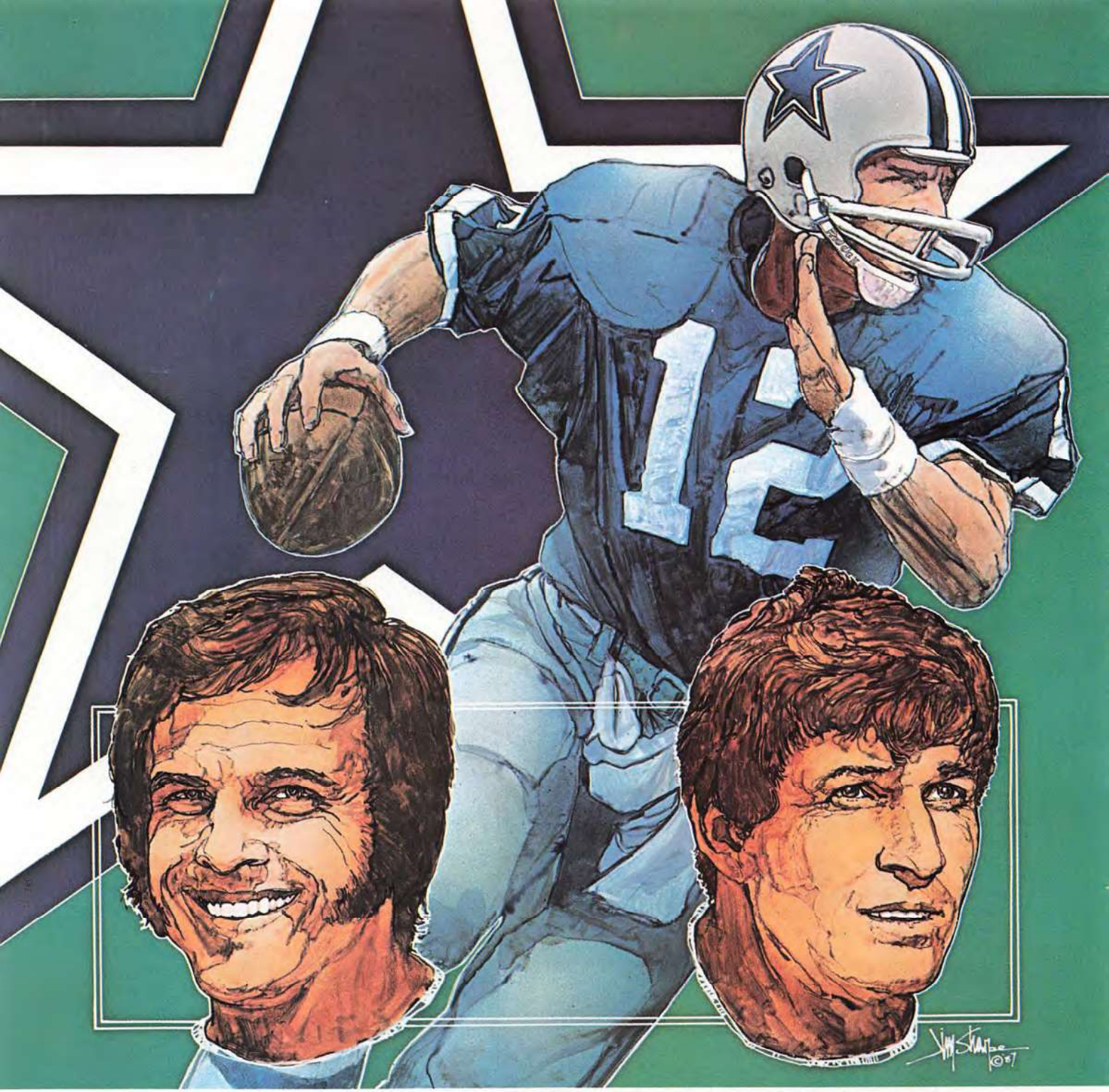

The Dallas Cowboys in the Hall of Fame—from left: Lance Alworth, Roger Staubach, and Bob Lilly.

ance, the Dolphins shut out the Redskins for 58 minutes, until Mike Bass returned kicker Garo Yepremian's fumbled pass attempt 49 yards for a touchdown after a bungled field-goal attempt. Miami won 14-7.

"Suddenly, after the game, it started to dawn on a lot of us that we were more than champs," Warfield says. "That is when the real impact of having a perfect record started hitting us. We were the only team in history—*in history*—to do that. It was something. Of course, that's also when the pressure started. Because now we would be expected to do it again."

That responsibility was taken away from the Dolphins in the second game of the 1973 season, when the Raiders defeated them 12-7. Nevertheless, when it came to the end of the year, Miami once again was the best team, and the Dolphins went to Houston to play the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl VIII.

"We were unbelievably confident before the game with Minnesota," Warfield says. "We had the best overall team—offense and defense—in pro football, and we *knew* we would beat the Vikings. Our tight end, Marv Fleming, was even saying we were better than the Super Bowl teams he had played on when he was in Green Bay. So all we had to do was go out there and execute like we knew we could."

The Dolphins did just that, dominating the Vikings and rolling up an insurmountable 24-0 third-

The Hall of Fame members of the Miami Dolphins—clockwise from left: Jim Langer, Larry Csonka, and Paul Warfield.

quarter lead before posting a convincing 24-7 victory.

"A lot of people don't remember those Miami teams being as strong as they truly were," says Hall of Fame member Larry Csonka, the fullback who was Super Bowl VIII's most valuable player and who provided the smashing power up the middle that complemented Warfield's finesse and speed in the passing game. "That is because we didn't have any spectacular strategies and we didn't just throw the ball all game long like they do today. We weren't the most exciting team, we were just the best."

Although the Dolphins were the top team for two years, the best team in football over the first decade of the Super Bowl may have been the Oakland Raiders. Year after year the Raiders seemed to be the team to beat in the AFC. And year after year someone did it, usually in the AFC Championship Game. Sure, Oakland made it to Super Bowl II, but the Raiders lost in the conference title game six times in the next eight years, and each year the team that beat them went on to win the Super Bowl.

"I was a rookie in Super Bowl II, and I was sure that we'd be back in it every year," says Gene Upshaw, the Raiders' Hall of Fame offensive guard. "I was only worried at the time if I had enough fingers for the Super Bowl rings I was going to earn."

Nine seasons later, there were only four players left from the 1967 Raiders—Upshaw, wide receiver Fred Biletnikoff, running back Pete Banaszak, and cornerback Willie Brown.

"Every year I thought we'd be back in the Super Bowl," says Brown, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1984. "After 1969, when we lost to the Chiefs, people began to say we couldn't win the big one. But I wasn't worried. We had won a lot of big ones to reach the championship game every year. I knew we had the material to win it all. It was just a question of time.

"After saying 'next year,' year after year, however, it did get a little old. But I knew it finally would happen, just like it did."

In 1976, the Raiders ran up the best record in football, 13-1, and then beat the defending champion Steelers 24-7 for the right to go to Super Bowl XI.

"Minnesota had a good team," Brown says, "but that didn't matter. It didn't matter who we played, because we were going to win. Our time had come."

The Raiders dominated the game, jumping to a 16-0 halftime lead before cruising to a 32-14 victory in which they set records with 266 rushing yards and 429 total yards.

"The coaches really prepared us perfectly for that game," Brown says. "They made tremendous game plans on both sides of the ball and really prepared us for what we were going to face. We actually played the game during the practices in Oakland the week before leaving for the Super Bowl. Then, the next week, we perfected everything and built the intensity. Ultimately, playing the game was almost a formality because we knew exactly what to expect from Minnesota and exactly what to do ourselves."

Brown certainly knew what to do. Midway through the fourth quarter, he put an exclamation point on the Raiders' efforts by intercepting a pass by Fran Tarkenton and returning it a record 75 yards for a touchdown.

"To tell you the truth," Brown says, "a couple of nights before the game I had a dream about intercepting a pass and running it back for a touchdown. When they went to their hurry-up offense in the second half, I thought, 'Here's my chance. With the risks they're taking, I can gamble some and come out ahead.' I was right."

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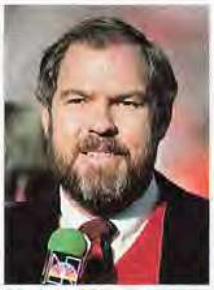
Raymond Berry



Merlin Olsen

Ernie Stautner

One of the biggest disappointments for many great players is that no matter how many personal honors and awards they receive, they never get to participate in the Super Bowl.

That was almost the case for eight members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. However, each of the eight—center Chuck Bednarik, end Raymond Berry, halfback Frank Gifford, coach Sid Gillman, tackle Mike McCormack, defensive tackle Merlin Olsen, running back O.J. Simpson, and defensive tackle Ernie Stautner—eventually did make it to the Super Bowl. It just took a long time—after each had retired.

The Super Bowl participation of Gifford, Olsen, and Simpson, occurred not on the field, but in the broadcast booth.

Olsen's first appearance was at Super Bowl XIII, only two years after he had retired from the NFL. That year, as he later did at games XV, XVII, and XX, Olsen did the color commentary, working with play-by-play announcer Dick Enberg. Gifford worked as a sideline commentator at Super Bowl I for CBS. Eighteen years later, he was the play-by-play announcer at Game XIX, as ABC televised its first Super Bowl. That same day, Simpson worked the pregame show and as a sideline commentator during the game.

Gillman, who had been a head coach with the Rams, the Chargers, and the Oilers, couldn't stay out of football after retiring as head coach. He came back to be an assistant coach under Dick Vermeil with the Eagles in Super Bowl XV. In the same game, Bednarik was another Philadelphia assistant.

Stautner and McCormack also made the Super Bowl as assistant coaches, McCormack with Washington in Game VII and Stautner in five games—V, VI, X, XII, and XIII—as an assistant to Tom Landry in Dallas.

Berry, who missed the Colts' appearance in Super Bowl III by only one year, reached the game 17 years later, as head coach of the New England Patriots. Another head coach who made the Super Bowl after being elected to the Hall of Fame was Forrest Gregg, who guided the Cincinnati Bengals to Super Bowl XVI. Gregg, of course, already had participated in three Super Bowls as a player, I, II, and VI.

Two other Super Bowl players later returned to the game as assistant coaches. Willie Brown was an assistant with the Raiders in Games XV and XVIII, and Charley Taylor was the receivers coach for Washington in Super Bowls XVII and XVIII.

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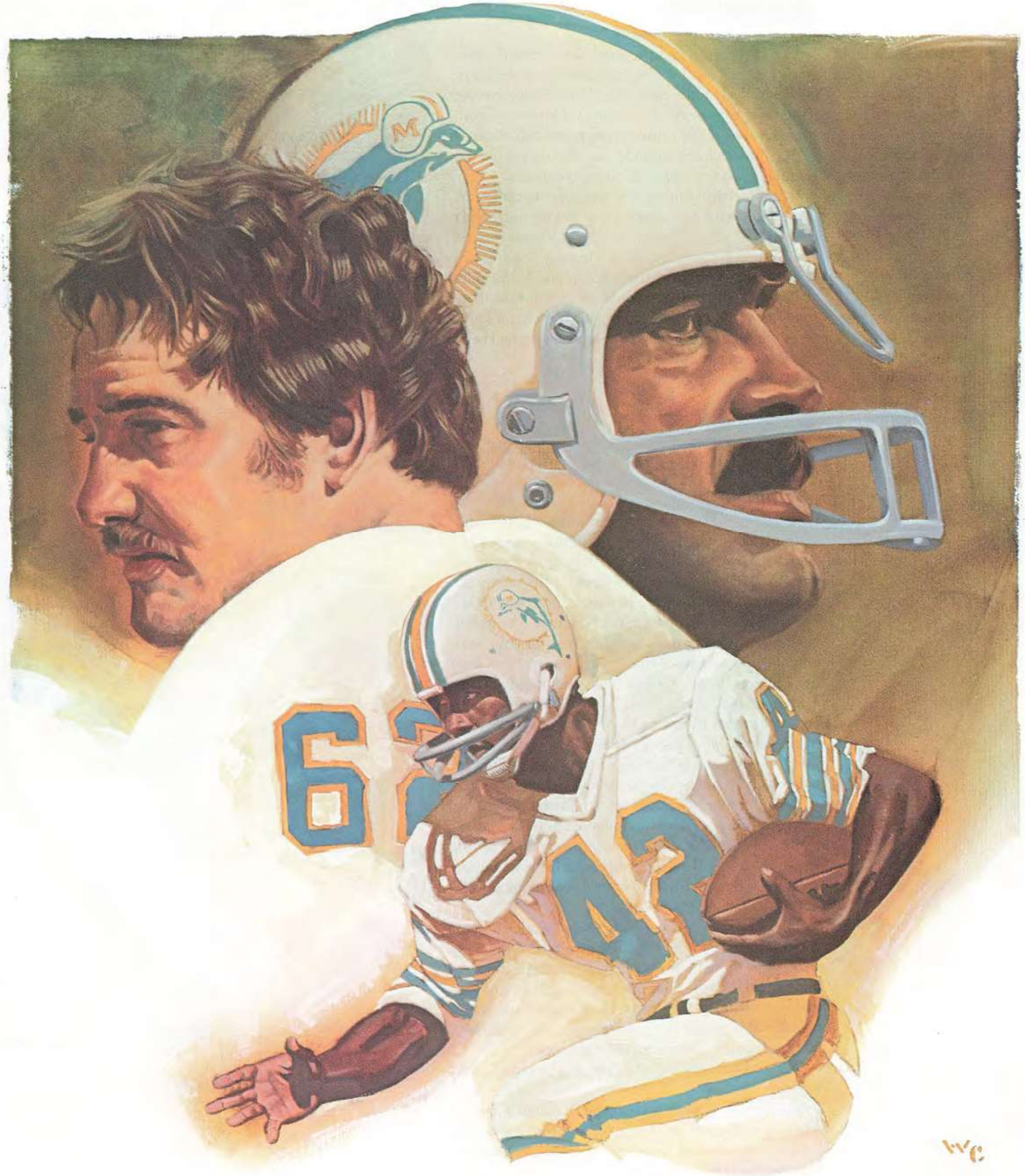

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Super Bowl alumni in the Pro Football Hall of Fame—from left: Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota Vikings; Joe Greene, Pittsburgh Steelers; Charley Taylor, Washington Redskins (top); Art Rooney, Pittsburgh (bottom); Pete Rozelle, NFL Commissioner; Johnny Unitas, Baltimore Colts (top); and Paul Brown, Cincinnati Bengals (bottom).

"We had dominated the game and certainly were going to win," says John Madden, who was the Raiders' head coach at the time. "But Willie's play was the icing on the cake. At that point, we knew it was all over. The rest of the game everyone just celebrated."

But Brown didn't provide just the capper to the game. He also put its significance in context.

"I think that winning that game made up for my teammates who had come close before but hadn't made it," he says. "There were a lot of friends of mine who didn't get to play on a winning Super Bowl team. The victory over the Vikings and being able, at last, to claim we were world champs meant more than just something special to me. It meant a lot to all of the Raiders ever and to everyone who had been part of the organization."

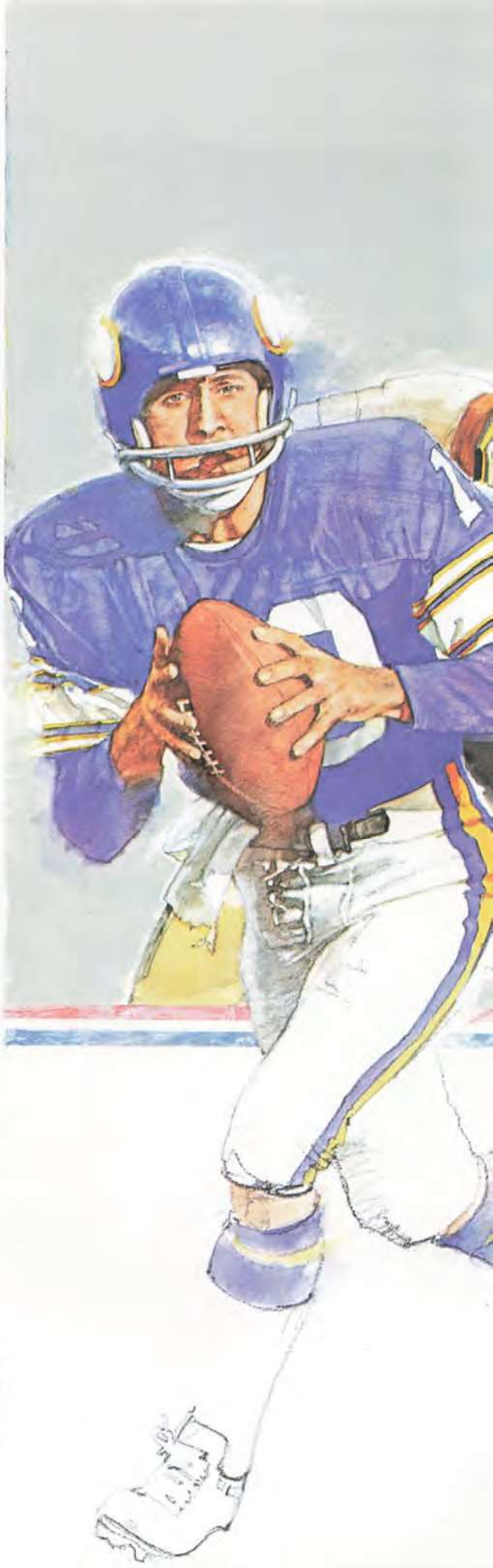
No one has been more a part—and certainly not more the beloved patriarch—of any organization in the NFL than Art Rooney has been with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Rooney, the man who founded the team as the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1933, had to go his first 42 years in the NFL before he won a championship. For most of that time, his team was one of the doormats of the league. But in 1969, under new head coach Chuck Noll, that slowly began to change. And on January 12, 1975, Rooney's Steelers, looking for their first title, lined up to play the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IX.

"Of course, every member of the team wanted to win the game and be able to claim that he was part of the world champions," says former Steelers defensive tackle Joe Greene, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1987. "But every man on every team wants to win the Super Bowl for himself, for his teammates, and for the fans. We had an extra force driving us. We wanted to win it for Mr. Rooney."

The entire city of Pittsburgh, and probably most of the NFL, was rooting for Rooney and the Steelers that day. Throughout his life in Pittsburgh, Rooney had earned the appreciation, respect, and love of virtually everyone he ran across. He remained an almost unbelievably generous, compassionate, thoughtful, and caring man, despite all the hard times.

"We had a lot of problems through the years," says Rooney, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1964. "But we always had a great group of players. They were all such good people, and they played as hard as they could. I knew that someday we'd win; I kept hoping it would be soon."

In Super Bowl IX, the Steelers held the Vikings to all-time Super Bowl lows of 17 yards rushing and 119 total yards, while earning a 16-6 victory.



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"I was nervous throughout the game," Rooney says. "Before the game I was told that if we won I was to accept the trophy. I started worrying right then because I didn't want to get overly emotional on national television. I didn't want to break down and embarrass my family or the team. In fact, I said that my son Danny should accept the trophy, but I was told it should be me. So, late in the game, when it became apparent we were going to win, I started trying to prepare for the presentation ceremony."

If Rooney was nervous, no one knew. The locker room was too ebullient a place to notice anything of the kind. And most of the positive reactions were headed straight to Art Rooney. The team gave him the game ball, Commissioner Pete Rozelle gave him the Lombardi Trophy, and he received thanks and hugs from dozens of players.

"Art Rooney is the greatest man who ever walked," quarterback Terry Bradshaw said at the time. "Winning this for him is the big thing."

Team captain Joe Greene agreed. "We all felt that that victory was for Mr. Rooney," Greene says. "We knew we were a good team and that we would be back for another championship for ourselves. This one was for him."

Greene proved prophetic. The Steelers were back the next year, defeating the Cowboys 21-17. Then, after two years of not reaching the Super Bowl, they won twice more, in Games XIII and XIV.

"Each of the four games was different, with a different kind of pressure," Greene says. "After winning the first one, we wanted to repeat, since only two other teams had done that. We felt that would prove we were truly a dominant team. In Super Bowl XIII, we felt the pressure trying to become the first team to win three Super Bowls and also to prove that we hadn't just come and gone, but that we were something more akin to a dynasty. And in Super Bowl XIV, there was the pressure of guarding against overconfidence. The [Los Angeles] Rams were not supposed to be a very strong team, although they played a great game and extended us [before Pittsburgh won 31-19]."

By the end of Super Bowl XIV, many of the Steelers had earned their fourth Super Bowl rings. They had established themselves as the professional football dynasty of the '70s.

"We felt like it was going to last forever," says John Stallworth, then, as now, a starting wide receiver for the Steelers. "No one was going to retire. Mel Blount would always be on the corner. Joe Greene always would be on the line, with Jack Lambert and Jack Ham at linebacker and Terry throwing the ball and Swannie and I catching it. And Franco running for touchdowns. Everybody was going to play forever."

Nobody, of course, plays forever—not even George Blanda, who played for 26 years, participated in Super Bowl II, and was enshrined in the Hall of Fame in 1981. But that doesn't mean that Stallworth was all wrong.

In fact, a lot of the Steelers most likely will stay together forever, not on the field, but in the Hall of Fame. As the years go by and recent players become eligible for the Hall of Fame, it appears likely that more and more Super Bowl participants will find their way to Canton. With four Super Bowl rings to light their way, many of those Stallworth mentioned might well end up there, as might a couple more teammates, such as the current Steelers center Mike Webster.

But a lot of other teams besides the Steelers won Super Bowls. And a lot of other players who have played in the game are deserving of induction into the Hall of Fame. Just think of some of those players . . . Jerry Kramer, Bubba Smith, Jan Stenerud, Alan Page, Chuck Howley, Fred Biletnikoff, Joe Montana. The list is endless. And, most likely, it won't be very long until some of them are introduced—say, next week at the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl—as the Hall of Fame class of 1988. ●

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS IN THE SUPER BOWL

Player	Pos.	Year Inducted	Team
Pete Rozelle	Commiss.	1985	NFL I-XXII
Herb Adderley	CB	1980	Green Bay I, II Dallas V, VI
Willie Davis	DE	1981	Green Bay I, II
Forrest Gregg	OT	1977	Green Bay I, II Dallas VI
Paul Hornung	RB	1986	Green Bay I
Vince Lombardi	Coach	1971	Green Bay I, II
Ray Nitschke	LB	1978	Green Bay I, II
Bart Starr	QB	1977	Green Bay I, II
Jim Taylor	RB	1976	Green Bay I
Bobby Bell	LB	1983	Kansas City I, IV
Len Dawson	QB	1986	Kansas City I, IV
Lamar Hunt	Owner	1972	Kansas City I, IV
Willie Lanier	LB	1986	Kansas City IV
George Blanda	K	1981	Oakland II
Willie Brown	CB	1984	Oakland II, XI
Jim Otto	C	1980	Oakland II
Gene Upshaw	G	1987	Oakland II, XI, XV
Weeb Ewbank	Coach	1978	N.Y. Jets III
Don Maynard	WR	1987	N.Y. Jets III
Joe Namath	QB	1985	N.Y. Jets III
Johnny Unitas	QB	1979	Baltimore III, V
Bob Lilly	DT	1980	Dallas V, VI
Roger Staubach	QB	1985	Dallas V, VI, X, XII, XIII
Lance Alworth	WR	1978	Dallas VI
Larry Csonka	RB	1987	Miami VI, VII, VIII
Jim Langer	C	1987	Miami VI, VII, VIII
Paul Warfield	WR	1983	Miami VI, VII, VIII
Charley Taylor	WR	1984	Washington VII
Fran Tarkenton	QB	1986	Minnesota VIII, IX, XI
Joe Greene	DT	1987	Pittsburgh IX, X, XIII, XIV
Art Rooney, Sr.	Owner	1964	Pittsburgh IX, X, XIII, XIV
Paul Brown	Gen. Mgr.	1967	Cincinnati XVI

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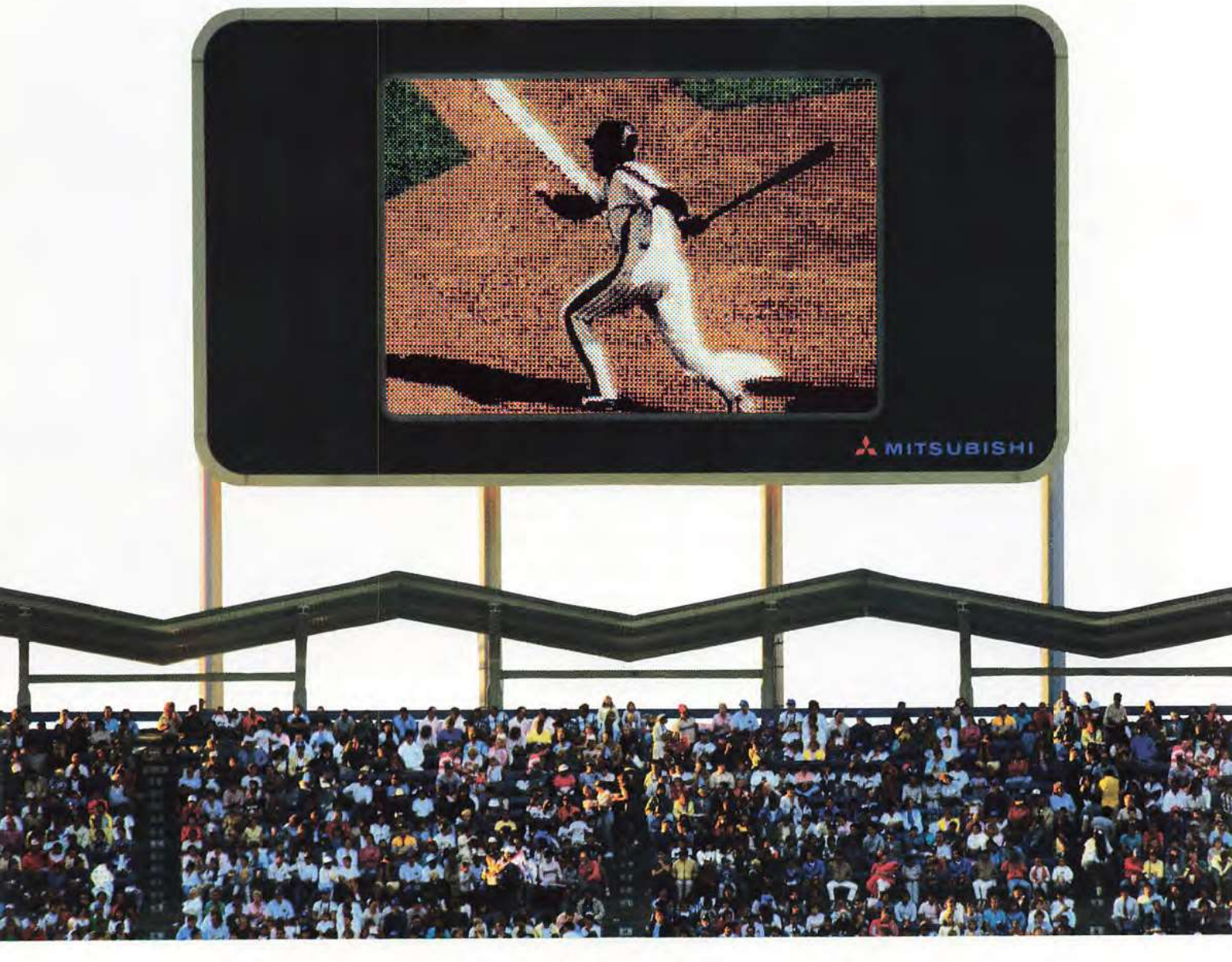

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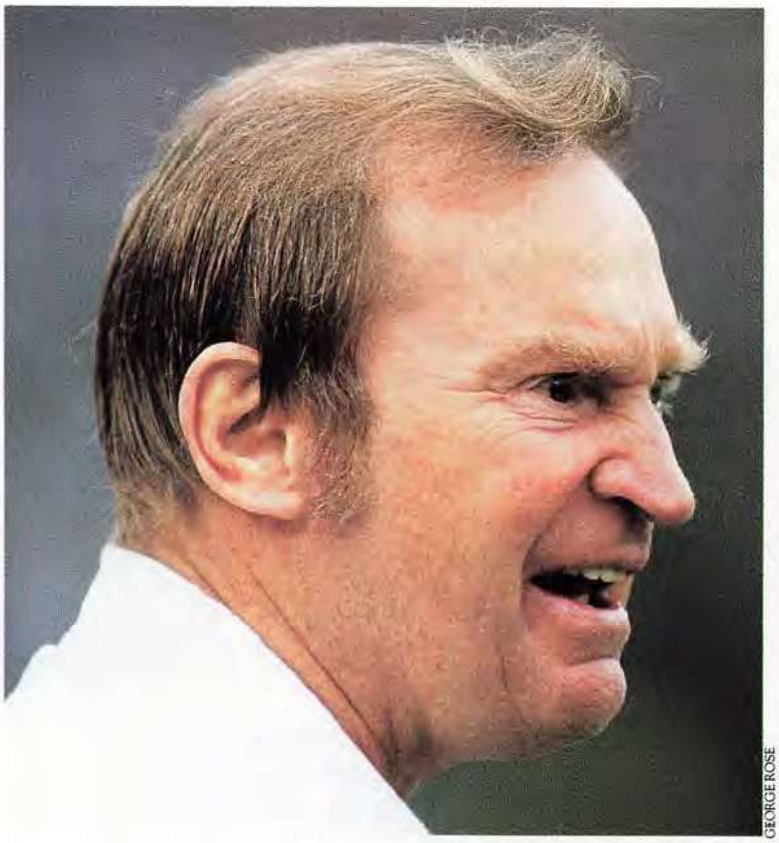
CITY OF GOOD SPORTS

San Diegans Play Hard—and Play Well

By Jerry Magee



GEORGE ROSE

Don Coryell helped bring big-time football to the city by making San Diego State University a national power. At one point, his Aztecs won 55 out of 57 games.

Almost every football fan has an opinion about what area of the United States produces the best football players. Some experts contend that the top market for football talent is the steel centers of Pennsylvania, while others vote for the barren plains and rolling hills of Texas. Still others figure that the best football players come from Ohio, Florida, or maybe Los Angeles.

San Diego isn't mentioned in the same breath as those other mandatory stops for college football recruiters or NFL scouts, but it's not a bad place to try to stock a team.

No matter what levels of football one examines in San Diego, one name stands out above the others. That name belongs to the man who ultimately made more out of supposedly average high school and junior college talent than was believed possible, who brought San Diego its first powerhouse college team, and who dazzled opposing NFL teams with innovative and record-setting passing offenses. That man is Don Coryell.

"San Diego is a natural for football," says Coryell, who first guided San Diego State to national prominence with a 104-19-2 record, before moving on to the NFL, where he led the St. Louis Cardinals to a 42-29-1 mark and the San Diego Chargers to a 72-60 record. "It is no surprise that there should be top teams and players here. It has great location, with great weather, allowing players to concentrate on football all year round. In San Diego State, there is a very, very fine school with much to offer athletes. And, in addition to the competition between players that is fostered out here, there is top coaching throughout the high school ranks."

Despite the area's apparent advantages, however, when Coryell came to San Diego State in 1961, neither the university nor the city was known for its football. In fact, San Diego State wasn't known for much of anything.

The city had an athletic tradition that included baseball Hall of Famer Ted Williams, golfer Gene Littler, Wimbledon tennis champion Maureen Connolly, light-heavyweight boxing champion Archie Moore, distance swimmer Florence Chadwick, and Don Larsen, the only man ever to pitch a perfect World Series game. That's a remarkable group of athletes, but then, none of them earned a reputation as a football player.

Today, San Diego still is Mecca for athletes of all types. Any day, just look around. Everywhere, you will see joggers. At Mission Bay Park, a favored site for this form of exercise, as many as 80,000 people gather daily. On Balboa Park's 1,158 acres, there are 25 tennis courts, an archery range, a municipal golf course, a frisbee area, gymnasiums, lawn bowling greens, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, a casting pond, a velodrome, a stadium with a running track of the highest quality, and even a chess club.

"There is something about this area, unlike any other I've ever seen," says Frank Kern, a retired Navy officer from Annapolis, class of 1945, who serves as the curator of awards at the San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. "After I retired, I went

into the investment business, and I remember how difficult it was to make appointments. These people are just doers. The golfing set. The tennis players. The fishermen. Gosh, you name it."

That athletic spirit seemed preordained for the people of San Diego. In fact, in 1868, when San Diego's population was only 2,301, the city's founders, apparently people of foresight, set aside for recreational use the land that now is Balboa Park.

The history of both San Diego and California had its beginning in this valley where Super Bowl XXII is being conducted. Just beyond the right-centerfield fence in San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, about a half mile past the Arrowhead Water sign, is the first mission Father Junipero Serra established on the Camino Real when he showed up in 1769 after traveling through Mexico.

Two centuries later, the lustrous land Father Serra found has become the playground of the western world, where the joys of participation are celebrated by millions.

Of course, the weather is a major factor in San Diego. Average temperatures are 78 degrees in the summer, 57 degrees in the winter; average rainfall is 10 inches. It is rarely impossible to exercise. The weather is the area's Lorelei, beckoning its residents to the outdoors, to fitness, to improved health, to championship efforts.

In fact, in San Diego, if you perspire through your aerobics, swing your 3-iron, hit your backhand, sail your boat, swim your laps, or hit the curve, you can hope to achieve celebrity in some form of athletics.

Scott Simpson, a San Diegan, is the reigning U.S. Open golf champion. Dennis Conner, a San Diegan, is the sailor who lost and then retrieved the America's Cup for his country. Tony Gwynn, whom San Diego claims because he was educated at San Diego State before joining the Padres, is Major League Baseball's batting champion at .370.

Add Detroit Tigers shortstop Alan Trammell, U.S., Olympic, and world diving champion Greg Louganis, former UCLA All-America and current Boston Celtics center Bill Walton, 1982 Masters golf champion Craig Stadler, and many other storied athletes. And among others, add Marcus Allen.

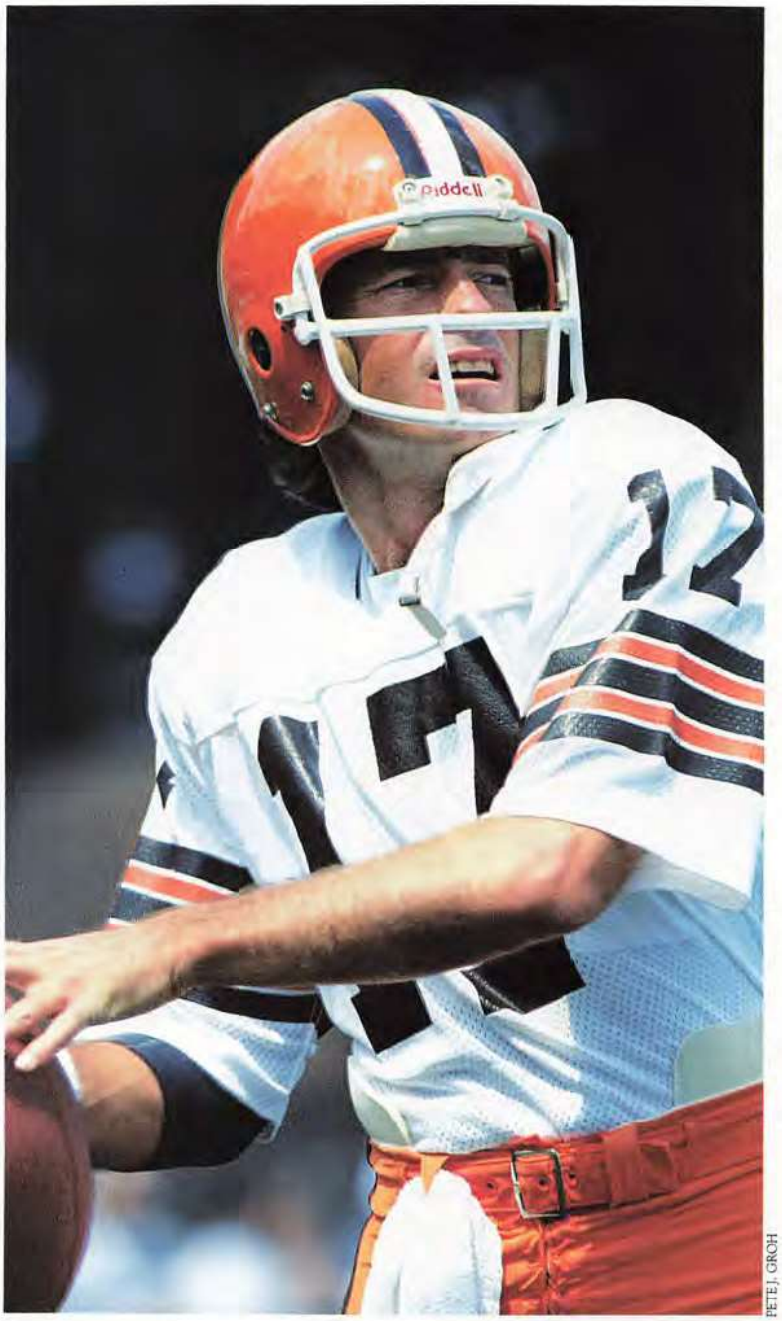
MICHAEL ZAGARIS

Marcus Allen was a star in San Diego long before he was known nationally. As a quarterback and defensive back, he led the Lincoln High Hornets to the San Diego championship.

Marcus Allen is a football player, but not just *any* football player. He was the 1981 Heisman Trophy winner at USC. He is the NCAA record holder for most yards rushing in a season (2,342). He was the NFL's rookie of the year in 1982. He was the NFL's most valuable player in 1985, when he led the league in rushing (1,759 yards). He was the most valuable player of Super Bowl XVIII, when he glided through the Washington Redskins for a Super Bowl record 191 yards on only 20 carries, including a record 74-yard scoring run.

Those are just part of Allen's achievements. In San Diego, he's still remembered as the quarterback at Lincoln High School. In 1977, his first season as a full-time offensive player, he led Lincoln to the San Diego championship with a 12-0-1 record. He passed for 1,900 yards and 18 touchdowns and ran for 1,198 yards and 12 touchdowns on only 97 carries (an incredible 12.4 yards per rush). He also intercepted 11 passes, running back four for touchdowns, and led his team in tackles. In the championship game, a 34-6 victory over Kearny High, Allen rushed for 197 yards on nine carries and scored all five of his team's touchdowns—on runs of 85, 30, 20, and 10 yards, and on a 60-yard interception return.

Ten other players raised in San Diego have appeared in Super Bowls—cornerback Dave Grayson of the Oakland Raiders in Game II; guard Ed White of Minnesota in Games IV, VIII, IX, and XI; defensive tackle John Richardson of Miami in Game VI; offensive tackle Bruce Walton (Bill Walton's broth-



PETE J. GROH

Brian Sipe went from being the nation's best passer at San Diego State to being the NFL's most valuable player with the Cleveland Browns.

"Nibs had a terrific high school football team, one of the best in the country at that time, and he took six or seven of his players to Cal," Frank Kern says. "Brick Muller was one of them. You can imagine how the country was in those days. You didn't even have radio. So when Grantland Rice started writing about this 'Cal Wonder Team' and Brick Muller, it got people's attention. Muller helped Cal whip Ohio State in the 1921 Rose Bowl. He also won the silver medal in the high jump in the 1920 Olympics."

Despite Muller's success, San Diego football still was lightly regarded. To get recognition as collegians, athletes from San Diego had to go away to school. Football players such as Cotton Warburton, Ambrose Schindler, and Russ Saunders simply moved 120 miles up the coast, to USC.

It wasn't until 1961 that USC—and the city of Los Angeles—returned the favor to San Diego. That year the Los Angeles Chargers of the AFL became the first major professional football team to move to San Diego. At the same time, Don Coryell, who had been USC's offensive backfield coach, took the head job at San Diego State. In one offseason, the Chargers' Sid Gillman and Coryell—arguably the two most innovative offensive coaches of the past 25 years—had arrived in San Diego. The town was about to grow up.

In 1987, San Diego is the nation's eighth-largest city, with more than 1 million residents, but not many years ago, it was a small town, tucked into the southwestern corner of the country. In 1887, a flood had caused the terminus of a transcontinental railroad to be diverted to Los Angeles. San Diego, with its beautiful, hook-shaped natural harbor, might have become the state's port, but shipping was attracted to Los Angeles when that city created an artificial harbor at San Pedro-Wilmington in 1911.

Many of the people living in San Diego after World War I owed their presence to the Navy. "The Navy desperately needed sports for morale," Kern says. "The Navy had some good things going on. Then came World War II, and the whole aspect of the town changed. Look at the athletes who were stationed here. This city had never seen so many names. Sammy Snead. Bob Feller. Phil Rizzuto."

The big names continued in San Diego throughout the late 1940s and into the 1950s. In 1948, Willie Steele won an Olympic gold medal in the long jump, while Boston's Ted Williams led the American League in batting average for the second consecutive season. In 1953, Maureen Connolly won the grand slam of women's tennis, and Gene Littler won the

er) of Dallas in Game X; offensive tackle Steve Riley of Minnesota in Games IX and XI; cornerback Monte Jackson of the Oakland Raiders and kick returner Wally Henry of Philadelphia in Game XV; safety Mike Kozlowski of Miami in Games XVII and XIX; wide receiver Dokie Williams of the Los Angeles Raiders in Game XVIII; and linebacker Darren Comeaux of Denver in Game XXI.

Allen and his peers in San Diego's football sports community are the heirs of a tradition that began slowly in the period following World War I. At the University of California, the football coach was Andy Smith, who named Clarence (Nibs) Price, then coach at San Diego High School, to his staff.

U.S. Amateur golf championship. In 1956, Archie Moore fought Floyd Patterson for the heavyweight championship of the world, and the same year the New York Yankees' Don Larsen pitched a perfect game in the World Series. In 1957-58, Ted Williams again led the American League in batting average.

In the 1960s, the big names became football players. In the pro game, many stars were imported to play for the Chargers, whose lineup included not only people such as John Hadl, Paul Lowe, and Keith Lincoln, but two men who would go on to be elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame—flanker Lance Alworth and tackle Ron Mix—as well as Gillman, who would join them in the Hall. Meanwhile, San Diego's Art Powell starred with the New York Titans and Oakland Raiders.

In college football, Coryell built one of the nation's top programs, almost entirely with San Diego natives.

"The first year, the recruiting was very difficult because we only had eleven days after taking over," Coryell says. "But in that time we managed to sign seventeen players who would serve as the foundation of our program. They were a great bunch, and included [Washington Redskins head coach] Joe Gibbs, [Redskins assistant] Warren Simmons, and [Chargers assistant] Wayne Sevier.

"In those days, we had less to offer than the big schools like USC or UCLA. We didn't have the tradition they did. But we sold our program."

Coryell had successful teams in his first five years at San Diego State—never losing more than two games in a season—but in 1966 things turned around in a big way.

"The teams I had coached always emphasized either the run or pass depending on the players' abilities," Coryell says. "But we had always lost a couple of games against teams that simply had better players than we did. In 1966, we changed our direction completely and made a conscious decision to throw the ball. We already had Don Horn at quarterback and Craig Scoggins at end, so we went to a spread formation and started passing."

The Aztecs won small college national championships in 1966, 1967, and 1968; had undefeated seasons in 1966, 1968, and 1969; and compiled a 41-1-1 record for those four seasons. With the last five games of the 1965 season and the first nine of the 1970 season added to those figures, the Aztecs went an incredible 57 games with only that one loss, and a record of 55-1-1.

San Diego State became a national power and moved into the major university classification. But that didn't slow Coryell's team a bit. By that time, the occasional superstar—Rod Dowhower, Gary Garrison, Jim Allison, or Don Horn—no longer was occasional.

"We were able to recruit a lot of skill-position players because they knew they would have a chance to play and be seen," Coryell says. "They also knew they would get good coaching, since, through the years, we had Gibbs, Dowhower, Jim Hanifan, John Madden, and Ernie Zampese, as well as others, as coaches. We occasionally got top linemen, like Fred Dryer or Henry Allison or Claudie Minor, but mostly we appealed to the skill players."

One other advantage Coryell had was his willingness to recruit both junior college players other schools weren't interested in, and players who had gone to one school, been unhappy, and had transferred to a junior college. Many of Coryell's biggest stars had begun their careers elsewhere. Both Dowhower and Horn initially had gone to Washington State, but had been dissatisfied only making the scout team. Dennis Shaw had been a reserve linebacker at USC. Jesse Freitas was a sub at Stanford. All became stars under Coryell, with Horn making All-America, Shaw setting a number of NCAA passing records while leading the nation in total offense, and Freitas leading the nation in passing.

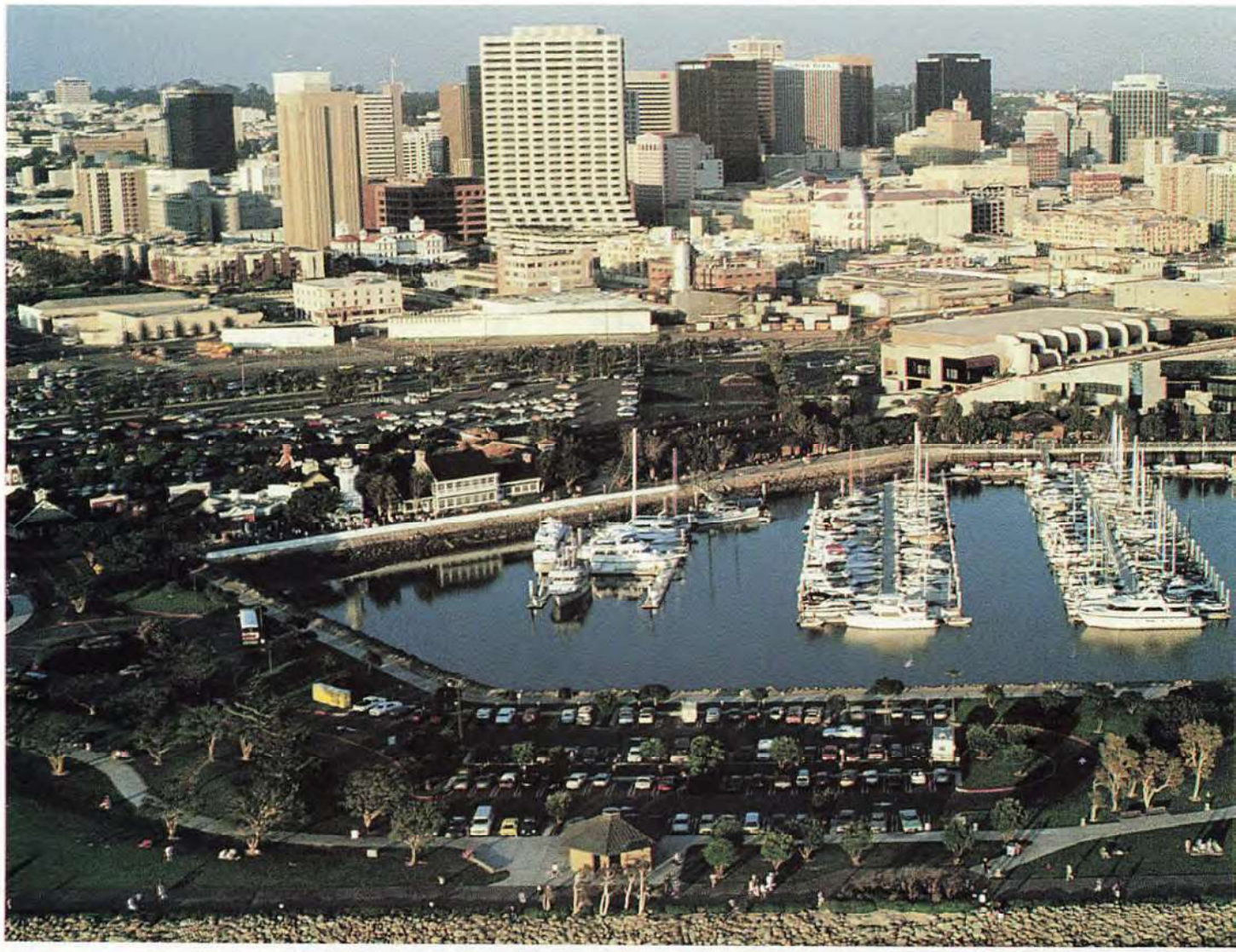
Shaw went on to be the rookie of the year in the AFC in 1970, and many other Coryell disciples also became NFL stars, including Garrison, Dryer, Haven Moses, Isaac Curtis, Willie Buchanon, Nate Wright, Joe Lavender, and Don Shy. But the brightest of Coryell's stars in the NFL was Brian Sipe.

Sipe was recruited out of Grossmont J.C., where he had gone from high school to prove he could play. He backed up Shaw as a sophomore, took over as a junior, and led the nation in passing as a senior.

It took Sipe a number of years to prove that he belonged in the NFL, but, once he got the opportunity, he did it with a vengeance. In 1980, he was named the NFL's most valuable player, while becoming the third player ever to pass for 4,000 yards in a season.

Meanwhile, Coryell left San Diego State to become coach of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1973. He returned to San Diego to take the Chargers' head job in 1978. Coryell continued his offensive wizardry, designing the offense that helped quarterback Dan Fouts become one of the most proficient passers in NFL history. And although he retired as head coach of the Chargers in 1986, Coryell still lives in San Diego County, not too far from the teams he built into the most thrilling in the sport. Although not born there, he is a true San Diegan.

"The group at San Diego State was the best bunch of people that you could be around," Coryell says. "But that is typical of San Diego. It's a great place, with great athletes, who are also great people. What more could you want?" ●



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A SITE TO BEHOLD

From Any Altitude, San Diego Looks Super

Aerial photographs By Baron Wolman

From La Jolla to the desert, from North County to the Mexican border, San Diego has it all: art, architecture, amusement parks, nature parks, world-class cuisine, educational institutions, shops and stores, and professional and amateur sports. And, of course, year-round sunshine.

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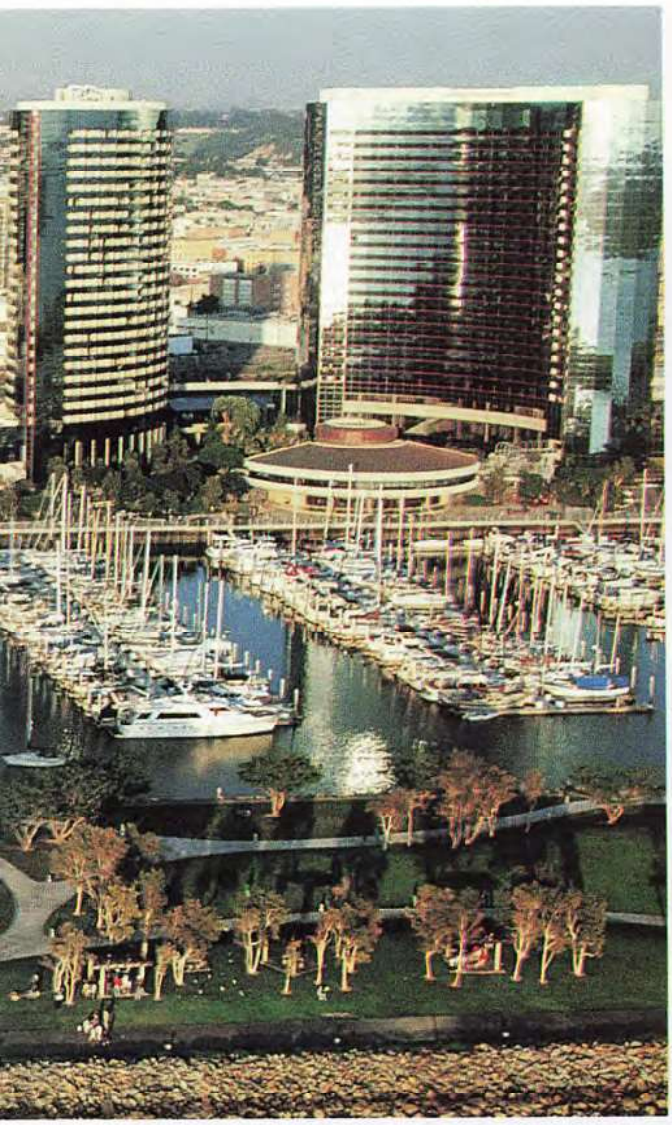
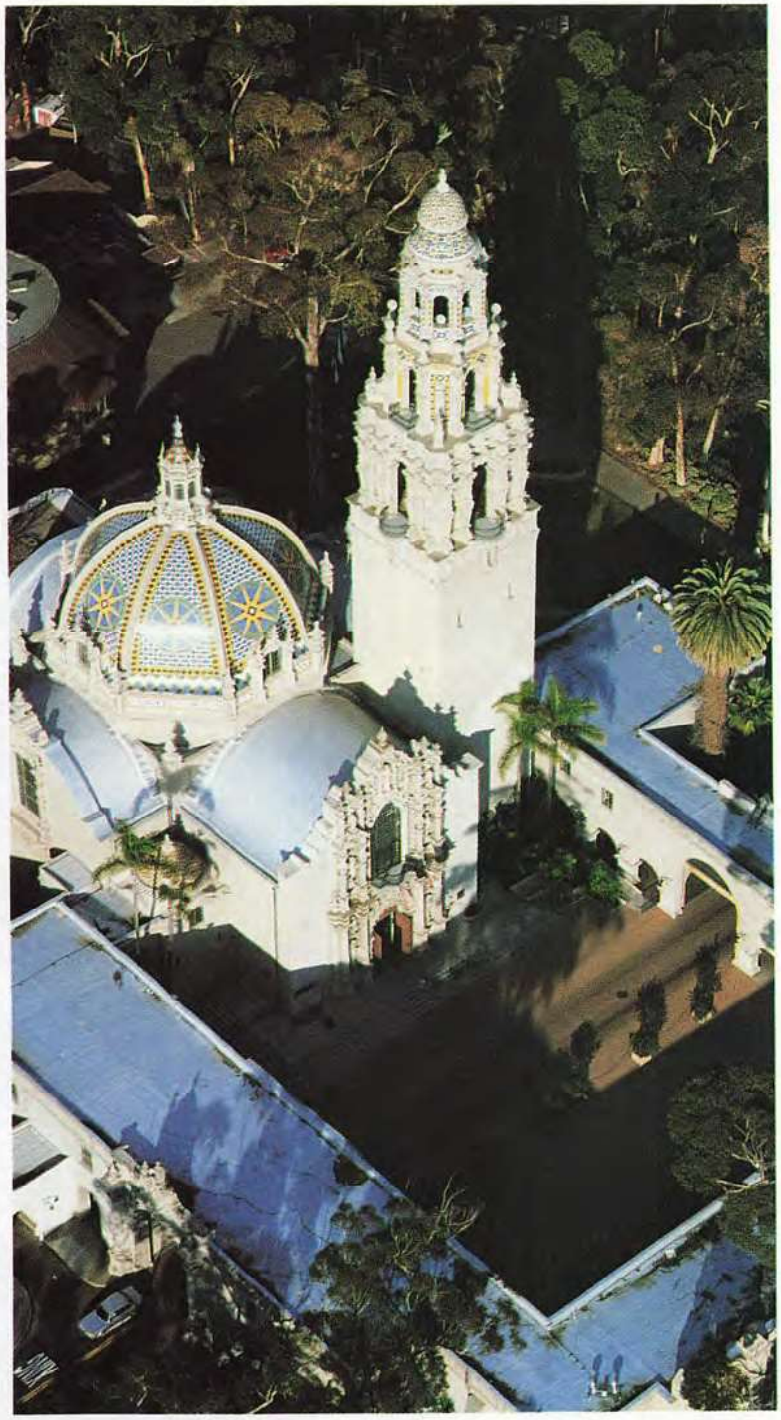
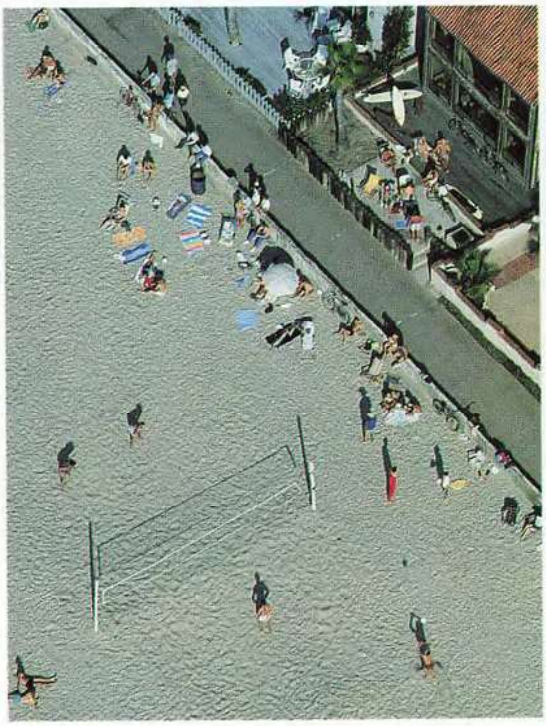




Downtown San Diego is the backdrop for Embarcadero Marina Park (*above left*), flanked by the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina (*on the right*) and Seaport Village (*on the left*).

The California Tower (*above*) stands out among Balboa Park's unique mix of museums, theaters, and gardens. It was built for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.



Football is the focus on Super Bowl weekend; volleyball (*left*) is the sport of choice for aficionados on Mission Beach.

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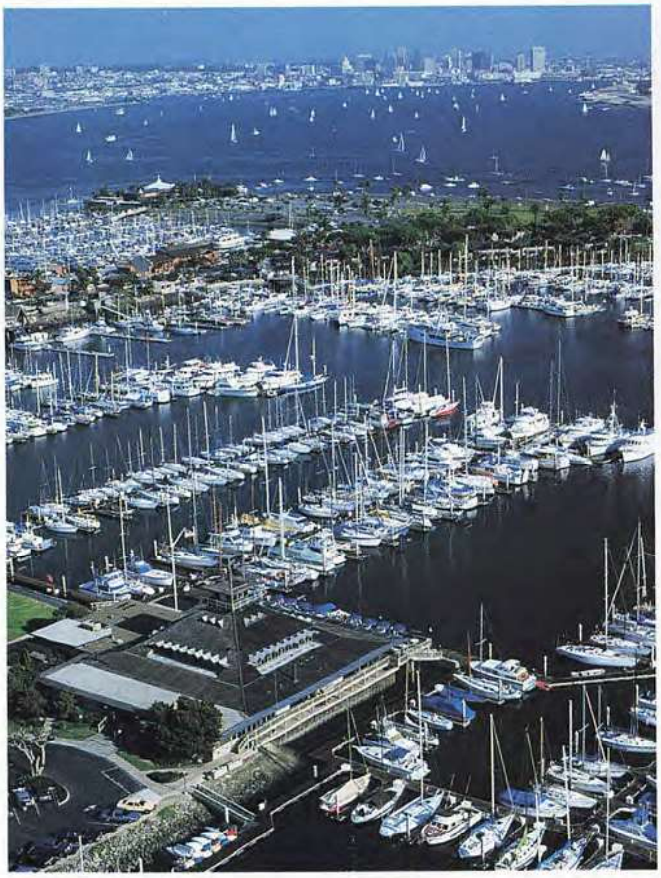
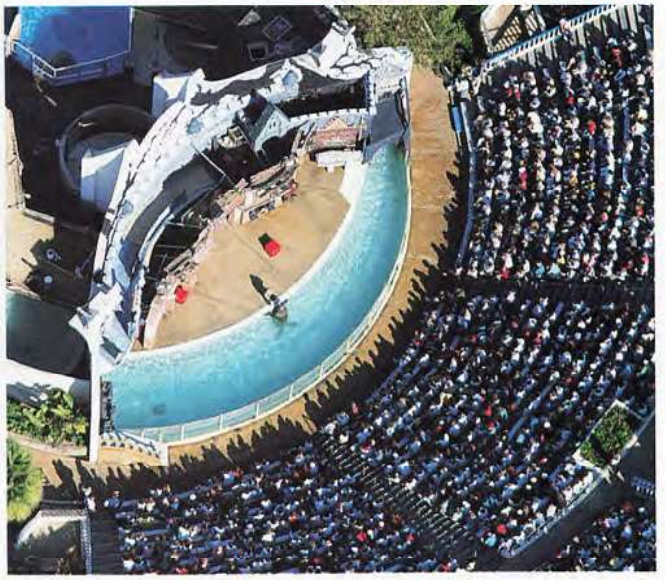
Historic Point Loma lighthouse (*above*), on a promontory seaward from Coronado, is a prime spot for watching migrating gray whales in the winter months.

The rocky coves beneath Sunset Cliffs (*left*), north of Point Loma, are favorite haunts of San Diego surfers, who bob like sea lions in the waves between rides.

Across San Diego Bay and the Coronado Bridge is the grandly romantic Hotel del Coronado (*above*), a national historic landmark celebrating its centennial this year.



Shelter Island (*left*) and the San Diego Yacht Club (foreground), the current home of the America's Cup, are surrounded by boats at sail and at anchor.



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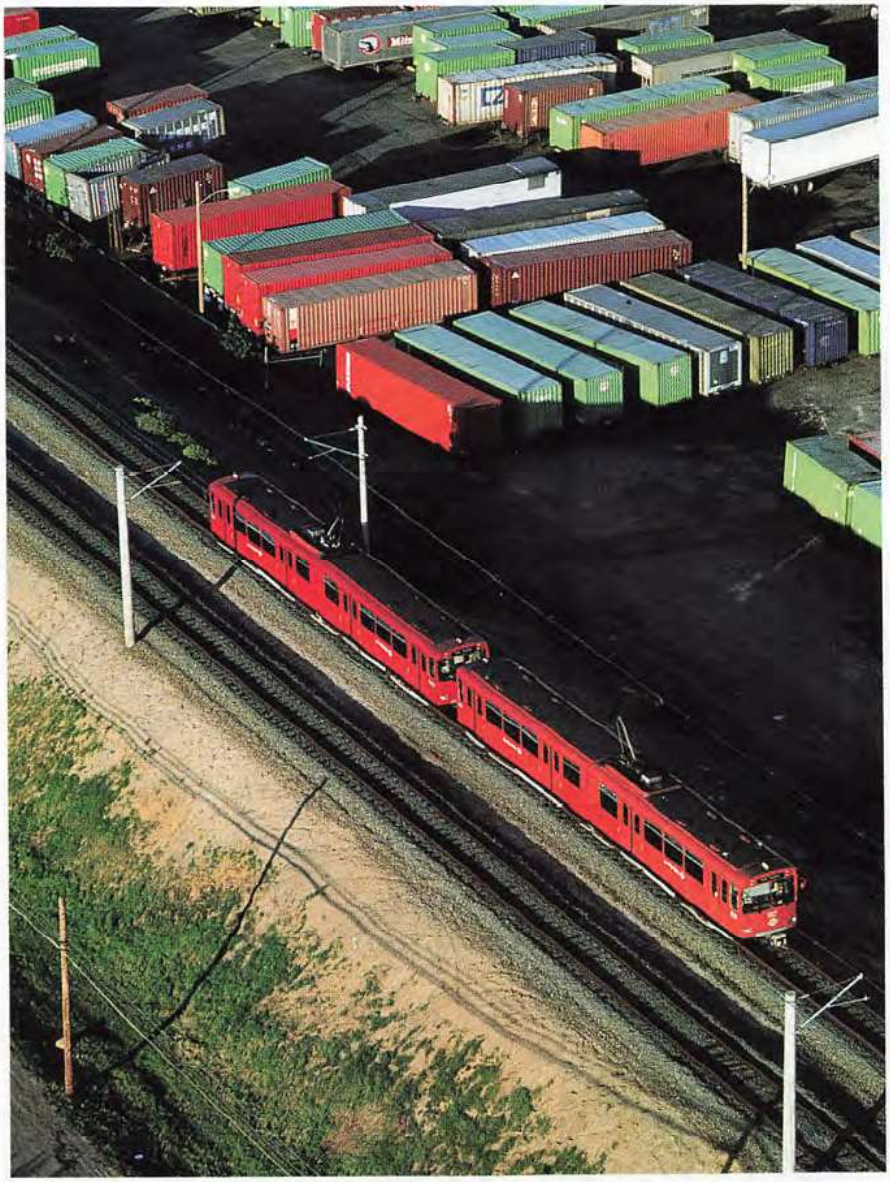

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IN THE LAST FOUR SEASONS, only the Los Angeles Rams and San Francisco 49ers have made the playoffs every year.

So, imagine the embarrassment of the two NFC West contenders, when they both were surprised in the opening week of the season by, of all teams, the Houston Oilers and Pittsburgh Steelers.

In fact, you don't have to imagine their embarrassment. Rams head coach John Robinson and 49ers head coach Bill Walsh were both quite vocal about it.

"As a group we played horribly," Robinson said. "The defeat was complete. There were no redeeming qualities about it."

"We were very disappointed in our performance," Walsh said. "We really showed a lack of poise in a lot of areas. This is both disturbing and depressing."

The Rams took a 16-3 lead into the fourth quarter at Houston, but the young Oilers rallied for 17 points in the last 7:28 behind quarterback Warren Moon to steal the game 20-16.

Moon, who passed for 310 yards, flipped a three-yard scoring pass to tight end Jamie Williams to trim the Rams' lead to 16-10. Then, with 2:59 left, Moon fired a short pass to wide receiver Ernest Givins on the right side.

Givins made a sharp left turn, eluding AFC-NFC Pro Bowl cornerbacks LeRoy Irvin and Jerry Gray, raced all the way across the field, and kept going down the left sideline for 59 yards and a touchdown. The extra point put the Oilers ahead 17-16. They added a field goal by Tony Zendejas after defensive end Ray Childress separated Eric Dickerson from the ball on the Rams' 32.

In Pittsburgh, the 49ers never led, trailing by as much as 30-10 before losing 30-17. San Francisco's Joe Montana threw for 316 yards, but the Steelers intercepted three of his passes, and linebacker Mike Merriweather forced a fumble that rookie cornerback Delton Hall carried 50 yards for a touchdown. Meanwhile, Earnest Jackson ran for 103 yards, and Gary Anderson kicked field goals of 50, 41, and 44 yards.

The upset gave Steelers head coach Chuck Noll 171 victories in his career, breaking a tie with Paul Brown and leaving him all alone as the fifth-leading winner in NFL history.

In the long-awaited matchup of Super Bowl XX and XXI

JONATHAN DANIEL

Christian Okoye ran for 105 yards, including a run of 43 yards for a touchdown, as Kansas City beat San Diego 20-13.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MALCOLM EMMONS

AFC offense: John Elway

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

NFC offense: Steve DeBerg

AFC OFFENSE—John Elway, quarterback, Denver
Elway passed for 338 yards and four touchdowns to lead Denver to a 40-17 rout of AFC West rival Seattle. The Denver quarterback threw 72- and 59-yard scoring bombs to Steve Sewell and Vance Johnson, threw short touchdown passes to Steve Watson and Orson Mobley, and directed a Broncos attack that gained 504 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Mike Merriweather, linebacker, Pittsburgh
Merriweather made nine tackles, broke up two passes, intercepted a pass that led to a field goal, and forced a fumble that rookie cornerback Delton Hall returned 50 yards for a touchdown in Pittsburgh's 30-17 surprise of San Francisco.

NFC OFFENSE—Steve DeBerg, quarterback, Tampa Bay
Shrugging off the flu and a sore back, DeBerg passed for 333 yards and a team-record five touchdowns as the Buccaneers pounded Atlanta 48-10 in Ray Perkins's debut as head coach. The 11-year veteran threw two scoring passes to wide receiver Gerald Carter and also connected with Phil Freeman, Calvin Magee, and rookie Mark Carrier.

NFC DEFENSE—Curtis Greer, defensive end, St. Louis
Greer spent 1986 on injured reserve after two knee operations, but, on opening day of the new season, he had three of his team's eight sacks of Danny White and forced a fumble to set up a touchdown as St. Louis stopped Dallas 24-13.

GEORGE GOJKOVICH

Steelers cornerback Delton Hall scores on a fumble.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	1	0	0
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0
Miami	0	1	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0
Buffalo	0	1	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	1	0	0
Houston	1	0	0
Pittsburgh	1	0	0
Cleveland	0	1	0
AFC West			
Denver	1	0	0
Kansas City	1	0	0
L.A. Raiders	1	0	0
San Diego	0	1	0
Seattle	0	1	0

NFC East	W	L	T
St. Louis	1	0	0
Washington	1	0	0
Dallas	0	1	0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0
Philadelphia	0	1	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	1	0	0
Minnesota	1	0	0
Tampa Bay	1	0	0
Detroit	0	1	0
Green Bay	0	1	0
NFC West			
New Orleans	1	0	0
Atlanta	0	1	0
L.A. Rams	0	1	0
San Francisco	0	1	0

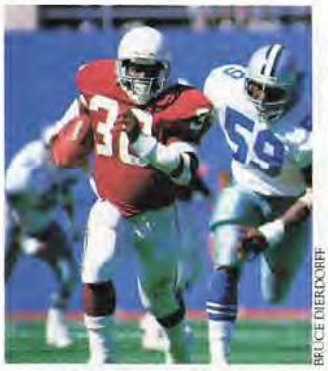
SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 23, Indianapolis 21
Denver 40, Seattle 17
Kansas City 20, San Diego 13
New England 28, Miami 21
N.Y. Jets 31, Buffalo 28
NFC
Chicago 34, N.Y. Giants 19
Minnesota 34, Detroit 19
St. Louis 24, Dallas 13
Tampa Bay 48, Atlanta 10
Washington 34, Philadelphia 24
Interconference
Houston 20, L.A. Rams 16
L.A. Raiders 20, Green Bay 0
New Orleans 28, Cleveland 21
Pittsburgh 30, San Francisco 17

winners, the Chicago Bears (XX) sacked Phil Simms seven times and belted the New York Giants (XXI) 34-19.

"It's obvious that they did whatever they wanted to against us," Giants head coach Bill Parcells said.

With Jim McMahon on injured reserve, the Bears went with third-year free agent Mike Tomczak at quarterback, and he threw a pair of touchdown passes—42 yards to rookie Ron Morris and 56 to Willie Gault—and ran a yard for another score.



BRUCE DIEDRDORFF

Stump Mitchell and St. Louis came back to defeat Dallas.

In addition, Chicago's Dennis McKinnon—coming back from a knee injury that kept him out all of 1986—went 94 yards for a touchdown, bouncing off several tacklers on the longest punt return in Chicago history. The Bears outgained the Giants 416-203.

A steady rain fell during the Patriots-Dolphins game in Foxboro, and, in the third quarter, Miami tight end Bruce Hardy bobbled the wet football on a pass from Dan Marino over the middle. It popped right to New England cornerback Ronnie Lippett, who splashed 20 yards for the winning touchdown as the Patriots prevailed 28-21.

Hardy, who is Miami's punt snapper, also skidded the ball on the ground to punter Reggie Roby in the first quarter, and Roby was tackled on the Dolphins' 22 to set up another touchdown.

Despite the rain, Marino threw three touchdown passes, two of them to Mark Duper.

The New Orleans Saints, perhaps the NFL's most improved team in 1986, began their 1987 season by stopping AFC Central champion Cleveland 28-21.

Punter Brian Hansen put all five of his kicks inside the Browns' 20, and two of them led to fourth-quarter safeties that broke a 21-21 tie. Defensive end Bruce Clark and safety Brett Maxie sacked Bernie Kosar in the end zone with 9:45 and 3:09 left.

On offense, Saints quarterback Bobby Hebert threw a pair of short touchdown passes to tight end Hoby Brenner, and running back Rueben Mayes ran for 147 yards.

Former Dallas assistant Gene Stallings, now head coach at St. Louis, got his first victory over the Cowboys when the Cardinals rallied for a 24-13 victory, only the second loss in the last 23 opening-day games for Dallas.

The Cowboys led 13-3, but St. Louis scored three touchdowns in the last two minutes to pull it out. Neil Lomax threw scoring passes of 16 and 22 yards to wide receiver Roy Green. Then defensive end Curtis Greer forced a fumble that led to fullback Earl Ferrell's 15-yard touchdown romp.

The Washington Redskins lost four starters, including running back George Rogers and quarterback Jay Schroeder. But seven-year veteran Doug Williams came off the bench to pass for 272 yards and two touchdowns, both to Art Monk, and the Redskins beat the Eagles 34-24.

In Green Bay, safety Vann McElroy returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown as the Raiders frustrated the Packers 20-0. Marcus Allen was the catalyst on offense, rushing for 133 yards and a touchdown. The Packers were held to 147 yards. ■

QUOTE

Rookie **Paul Palmer,** who purposely fell over backwards in the end zone after returning a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown to give Kansas City a 20-13 victory over the Chargers:

"It was part elation, part exhaustion."

MARV RUBIN

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WADE

MALCOLM EMMONS

The Vikings' Tommy Kramer led the NFL in passing in 1986. So what happens when he is unable to play?

Minnesota calls on Wade Wilson and goes on to win anyway.

Victorious for the fourth time in his last five starts, Wilson subbed for Kramer (who had a pinched nerve in his neck) on opening day and led the Vikings to a 34-19 defeat of Detroit.

Wilson also subbed for Kramer in the final game of 1986 and was the NFC offensive player of the week with 361 yards and three touchdown passes in a victory over New Orleans.

Wilson, 28, had three scoring passes against Detroit, too, including a 73-yard bomb to wide receiver Anthony Carter. The play ignited a 21-point third-quarter rally. The Lions came with an all-out blitz, but Wilson threw over it for the touchdown.

Carter was elated—and relieved—with his scoring catch. Three of Wilson's first seven passes were intercepted, but two of them had bounced off the wide receiver's hands.

"Starting out with three interceptions isn't the best for your confidence," Wilson said. "But offensively, I knew we could get things going. I wasn't worried about A.C. [Carter]. He's a quality receiver."

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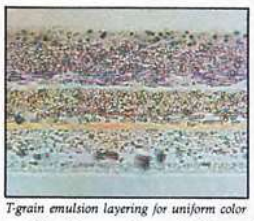

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WITH A POTENTIAL players' strike hanging over the NFL like a dark cloud, the second Sunday of the season was anything but normal. And it showed on the field.

In Cincinnati, the 49ers stunned the Bengals 27-26 when Joe Montana threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Rice with no time left—after the Bengals had failed to run out the clock.

On a rain-soaked field in Milwaukee, Green Bay and heavily favored Denver played to a 17-17 tie when, with nine seconds left in overtime, the Broncos' Rich Karlis slipped and fell in the mud as he missed a potential game-winning field goal from 40 yards.

In San Diego, the Chargers bolted to a 28-0 halftime lead over St. Louis, then watched in horror as Neil Lomax led a furious rally for 24 successive points. With 20 seconds left, trailing 28-24, the Cardinals were on the San Diego 5-yard line, fourth-and-goal. From there, Lomax passed to wide-open fullback Earl Ferrell at the Chargers' 1, but Ferrell dropped the ball.

In New Jersey, the defending Super Bowl-champion New York Giants, who lost only two games in 1986,

MICHAEL HEINZ

Joe Montana passed for three touchdowns for the 49ers, including the 25-yard game-winner with no time left.

dropped their second in two weeks in 1987. With six seconds left, Raul Allegre's 46-yard field-goal attempt against Dallas started straight, then kept hooking, hooking, hooking. . . and sailed left. The Cowboys won 16-14 to snap a six-game regular-season losing streak.

In all, six games were decided—or in the case of Denver-Green Bay, *not* decided—in the last minute.

The Vikings also shocked the Rams with 30 seconds left, while Buffalo overtook Houston with 57 seconds left.

In Cincinnati, the Bengals took a 20-7 lead at halftime, and, with Jim Breech kicking four field goals, led the 49ers 26-20 with six seconds to play.

Minnesota's Hassan Jones sprinted away from the Rams' LeRoy Irvin on his winning 41-yard touchdown catch.

With a fourth down on his own 30, head coach Sam Wyche refused to punt or take a safety and called a sweep to James Brooks, figuring it would use up the time.

However, 49ers end Kevin Fagan shot into the backfield and threw Brooks for a five-

BAD FINISH, FAST START

BOB ROSATO

Eleven weeks into the 1986 season, the New York Jets had the best record in the NFL (10-1), and quarterback Ken O'Brien led the league in passing.

A rash of defensive injuries started the Jets downhill, however, and the slump soon spread to O'Brien's right arm. As the team lost five games in a row, he threw two touchdown passes and 12 interceptions and was benched for the playoffs.

After two games in the new season, however, O'Brien was acting as if the last five weeks of 1986 never happened.

In leading New York to victories over Buffalo and New England, the 26-year-old quarterback completed 70.5 percent of his passes for three touchdowns and only one interception. And the Jets were one of four teams in the NFL with perfect 2-0 records.

On the second Monday night, O'Brien led a 37-point second-half barrage for an easy 43-24 victory over the Patriots. He completed 19 of 26 passes for 313 yards, including the 58-yard touchdown pass to Al Toon that started the second-half outburst. At one point, he connected on 13 in a row.

"Kenny had an outstanding game," head coach Joe Walton said. "And he could easily have had three or four more completions."

It looked as if the slump was over.

QUOTE

MARV RUBIN

Chargers defensive coordinator **Ron Lynn**, discussing his team's narrow escape (28-24) against St. Louis, which scored the game's last 24 points:

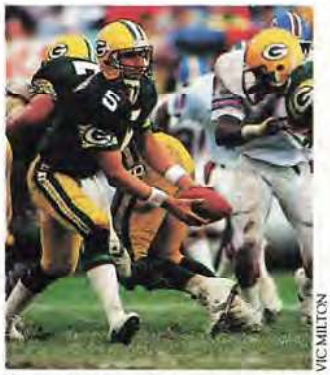
"There's a period in these kinds of games when you wonder why you do this job—as you sit there and see your hair falling out in front of you."

OWEN C. SHAW

yard loss. The play used only four seconds, and the clock stopped on the change of possession.

From the 25, Montana, who passed for three touchdowns, lobbed the ball into the end zone, and Rice made a leaping catch to tie the score at 26-26. Ray Wersching's conversion with no time left won it.

"I really don't blame anybody but me for this [loss]," Wyche said. "We had the game won."


VIC MILTON

Green Bay's rookie quarterback Don Majkowski got a tie.

In Milwaukee, most of the game was played in a downpour. The Packers took advantage of six Broncos turnovers to grab a 14-0 lead. Linebacker John Anderson had an interception and two of the fumble recoveries.

However, Denver outgained Green Bay 478-234 and sent the game into overtime tied 17-17. The Packers' Al Del Greco missed a 47-yard field goal 4:02 into the extra period, before Karlis's late miss.

"The conditions were just horrendous—the worst I've ever played in," Karlis said.

The conditions were fine in San Diego, where the Chargers' Lionel James returned a punt 81 yards for a touchdown and ran seven yards for another in San Diego's 28-0 first half. The Chargers even took the second-half kickoff and rolled to the St. Louis 9, but running back Gary Anderson fumbled the ball away.

And here came the Cardinals.

Lomax passed for 457 yards in the game and three touchdowns in the Cardinals' 24-point rally that was a dropped pass short of being a 31-point rally for a victory. St. Louis wide receiver Roy Green caught seven passes for 139 yards and a touchdown.

The winning Chargers were booed off the field.

In the Giants' 16-14 loss, Danny White of Dallas threw a one-yard touchdown pass to tight end Thornton Chandler and a 35-yard pass to Herschel Walker to set up Roger Ruzek's game-winning 28-yard field goal with 5:12 left. Ruzek kicked three in the game.

Safety Terry Kinard tried to bail the New York Giants out. He intercepted three passes, returning one of them 69 yards to the Dallas 1 to set up a touchdown.

In Atlanta, Scott Campbell started only his third game at quarterback in four years, but he passed for 271 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Falcons to a 21-20 surprise of Washington. Gerald Riggs rushed for 120 yards and got the winning touchdown on a four-yard run with 6:47 left.

In Chicago, fullback Neal Anderson ran for 115 yards, scoring on a 27-yard run, and the Bears throttled Tampa Bay 20-3. Walter Payton scored on a one-yard run and nine-yard pass from Mike Tomczak. The rushing touchdown was Payton's 107th, breaking a tie with Jim Brown and giving him another NFL record.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ROBERT B. SHAVER

AFC offense: Jim Kelly

JIM TURNER

NFC defense: Bill Bates

AFC OFFENSE—Jim Kelly, quarterback, Buffalo
Kelly passed for 293 yards and three touchdowns, including the game-winning 10-yarder to Ronnie Harmon with 57 seconds left, in Buffalo's 34-30 victory over Houston. Kelly threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Robb Riddick six seconds before the end of the first half.

AFC DEFENSE—Fredd Young, linebacker, Seattle
Young made seven tackles, including 1½ sacks, forced two fumbles, and broke up a pass as Seattle forced five turnovers and beat the Chiefs 43-14.

NFC OFFENSE—Wade Wilson, quarterback, Minnesota
Wilson fired three touchdown passes, including one of 41 yards to wide receiver Hassan Jones with 30 seconds left that lifted Minnesota over the Los Angeles Rams 21-16. Wilson is 5-1 in his last six starts as a replacement for Tommy Kramer.

NFC DEFENSE—Bill Bates, safety, Dallas
Bates made five tackles and intercepted two passes as Dallas held off the New York Giants 16-14. The Cowboys' safety returned one of his interceptions 28 yards to the Giants' 22 to set up a touchdown.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	2	0	0
Buffalo	1	1	0
Miami	1	1	0
New England	1	1	0
Indianapolis	0	2	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	1	1	0
Cleveland	1	1	0
Houston	1	1	0
Pittsburgh	1	1	0
AFC West			
L.A. Raiders	2	0	0
Denver	1	0	1
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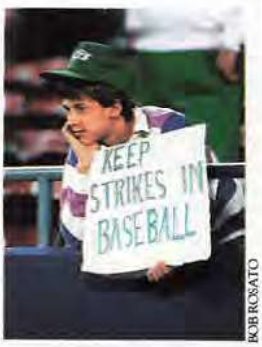
Dallas	1	1	0
Philadelphia	1	1	0
St. Louis	1	1	0
Washington	1	1	0
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	2	0	0
Minnesota	2	0	0
Tampa Bay	1	1	0
Green Bay	1	0	1
Detroit	0	2	0
NFC West			
Atlanta	1	1	0
New Orleans	1	1	0
San Francisco	1	1	0
L.A. Rams	0	2	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 34, Houston 30
Cleveland 34, Pittsburgh 10
Miami 23, Indianapolis 10
N.Y. Jets 43, New England 24
Seattle 43, Kansas City 14

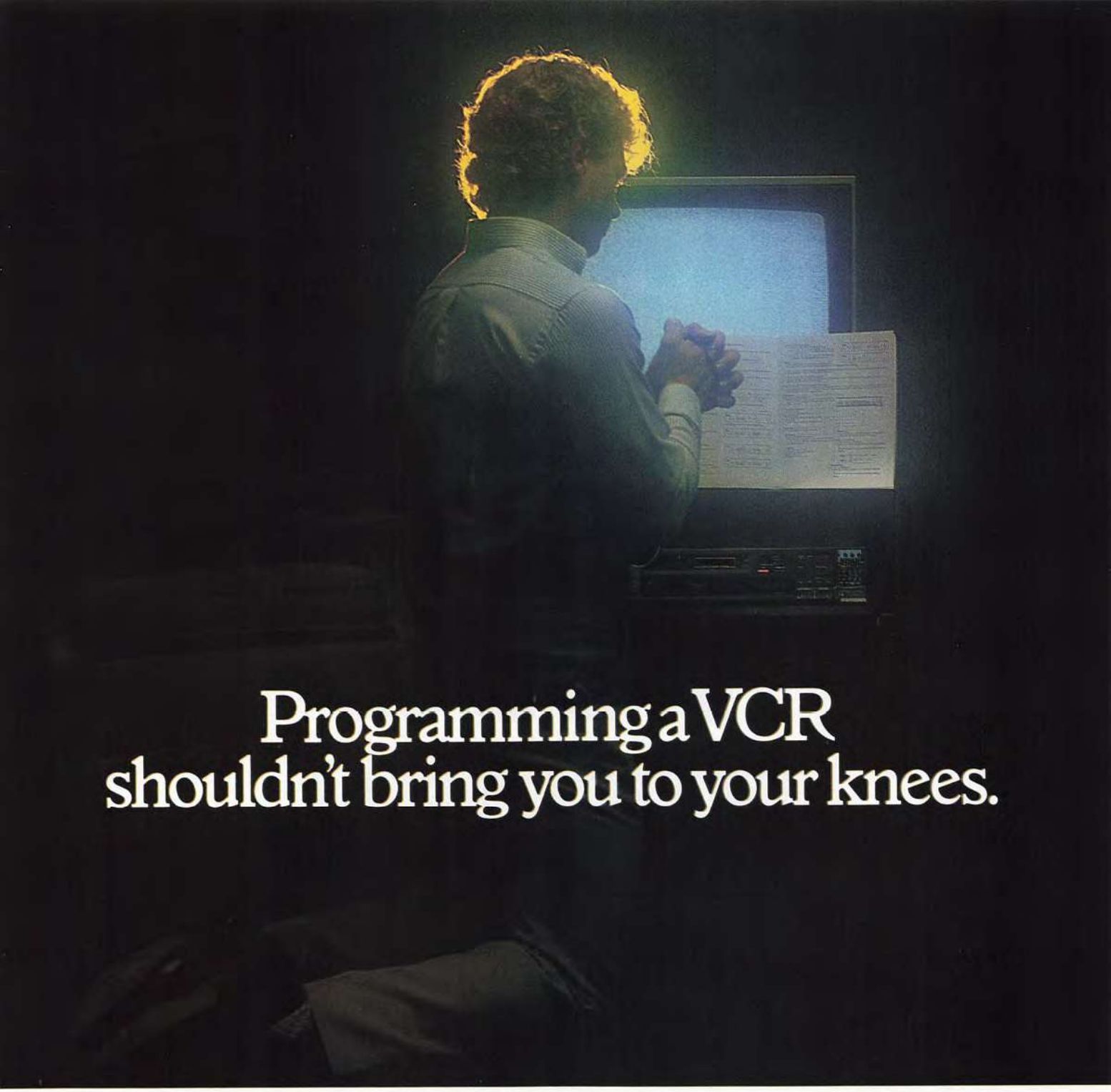
NFC
Atlanta 21, Washington 20
Chicago 20, Tampa Bay 3
Dallas 16, N.Y. Giants 14
Minnesota 21, L.A. Rams 16
Philadelphia 27, New Orleans 17

Interconference
Green Bay 17, Denver 17
L.A. Raiders 27, Detroit 7
San Diego 28, St. Louis 24
San Francisco 27, Cincinnati 26



BOB ROSATO

Players Strike
The Jets' victory over the Patriots on Monday night was the last game before a strike called by the National Football League Players Association. The strike began on Tuesday, September 22, when players from all 28 teams refused to report.



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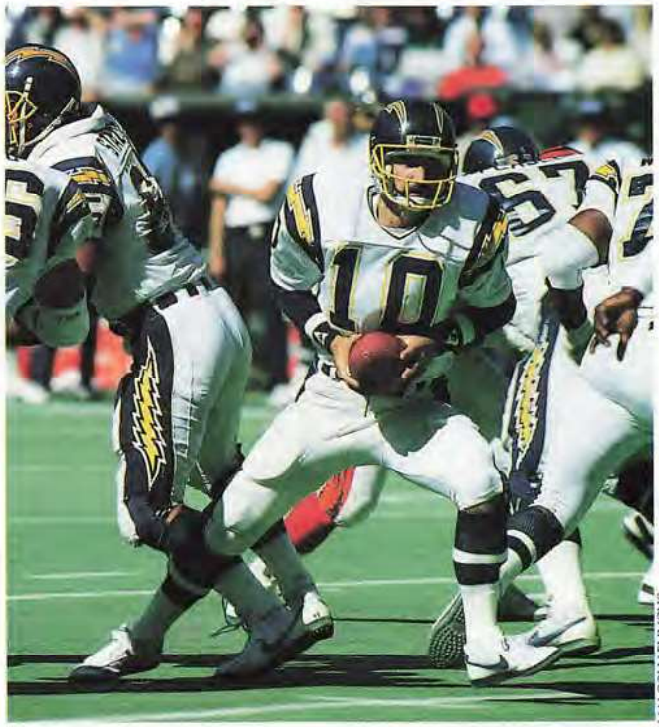
WEEK 4

OCTOBER 4

Strike Forces Season Cut to 15 Games

With NFL players remaining on strike, all games for week 3 (September 27-28) were cancelled, and the league elected to resume play in week 4 with replacement players. The games began again with 103 regular players joining the replacement players. The season schedule was cut to 15, instead of 16, games.



MALCOLM EMMONS

Quarterback Mike Kelley, who played in the CFL and USFL, came off the bench to lead the Chargers to a 10-9 victory.

ON SATURDAY, THE DAY before his team was scheduled to play Denver, Houston Oilers head coach Jerry Glanville met his new kicker, John Dietrich, for the first time.

"I went down on the field and asked him his name," Glanville said, "and he asked, 'What's yours?' "

"I told him I was an assistant coach and asked what I could do for him, and he said, 'Go out on the field and get me a ball.' So I did. I still don't think he knows who I am."

The next afternoon, Glanville didn't care if Dietrich knew his name or not, because the rookie from Ball State who had been traded to Houston from Green Bay, kicked four field goals (from 43, 39, 44, and 27 yards) as the "replacement Oilers" blasted the "replacement Broncos" 40-10.

There were unknown players all over the NFL as play resumed 12 days after the players' strike began, with most of the regulars still walking the picket lines.

The teams that usually performed the best were those that signed the most players who actually had participated in one of their camps. But most of the pre-strike form went out the window, such as Houston's rout of what used to be the defending AFC-champion Broncos.

It was an unpredictable weekend. The Saints, Bears, and 49ers all blocked punts for touchdowns. The 49ers also ran the Wishbone formation part of the second half against the Giants. The Bengals, Colts, Vikings, and Falcons all scored safeties. The Super Bowl-champion Giants and the Rams each fell to 0-3. Everywhere, guys who had been teaching school, or selling furniture, or tending bar became stars for at least a day.

In Los Angeles, where the temperature was 108 degrees, former Chicago Bears quarterback Vince Evans passed for 248 yards and two touchdowns and ran four yards for another to lead the Raiders to a 35-17 defeat of Kansas City. Evans had been out of football since 1985, his last year in the USFL.

Evans had 311 yards in total offense. He ran for 63 yards, including 20- and 24-yard scrambles that set up touchdowns. He played even though the Raiders had former starter Marc Wilson suited up.

"Not knowing much about the other team, we figured Vince would be good because of his running ability," head coach Tom Flores said.

In the new NFL, only the Raiders in the AFC and the Bears in the NFC remained unbeaten at 3-0.

The pre-strike Bears had defeated the pre-strike Eagles eight of their last nine regular-season games, and form held true. The new Bears overwhelmed the new Eagles 35-3.

Bears quarterback Mike Hohensee, playing in his fourth league (including the USFL, Canadian, and Arena leagues), threw three touchdown passes, and the new defense played like the old defense, registering 11 sacks.

Philadelphia head coach Buddy Ryan was depressed.

"We might have the worst bunch of guys together we've ever seen as football players," he said.

QUOTE

MARV RUBIN

Detroit head coach **Darryl Rogers**, asked to sum up his team after its narrow 31-27 loss to Tampa Bay:

"I saw this team eight days ago and I saw them today, and there's a big difference. They couldn't line up eight days ago."

At Buffalo, Indianapolis had three regular players to none for the Bills, and they made a huge impact in the Colts' 47-6 victory.

Two of the regular Colts were quarterback Gary Hogeboom, who tied the team record with five touchdown passes, and wide receiver Walter Murray, who caught two of them, for 11 and 37 yards. In

all, Murray had seven receptions for 161 yards. Wide receiver James Noble, cut by the Colts earlier, added a pair of 18-yard touchdown catches.

Regular safety Jim Perryman (playing cornerback) intercepted a pass to set up a touchdown and blocked a punt that led to a safety.

In New Orleans, a city that has suffered through 20 years of non-winning Saints teams, the fans whimsically chanted "Stay on strike!" as their new team took a 27-0 halftime lead and defeated the Rams 37-10.

One of the regular Saints, cornerback Reggie Sutton, blocked a Rams punt, then caught it on the second bounce and returned it 13 yards for a touchdown.

And one of the new Saints, quarterback John Fourcade, who sat on the bench in Arena football, completed 16 of 21 passes for 222 yards and three touchdowns.

One of Fourcade's scoring passes was a team-record 82-yard play to tight end Mike Waters, who was cut by three teams this season, including New Orleans.

Dallas had regular quarterback Danny White, but he had a sore shoulder, so the Cowboys used Kevin Sweeney, a rookie from Fresno State. Sweeney, who had set the NCAA record for career passing yardage, hurled three touchdown passes, including 33- and 35-yarders to wide receiver Kelvin Edwards, in a 38-24 victory over the Jets.

The Cowboys' defense had regulars Randy White, Ed (Too Tall) Jones, and Don Smerek, and they and their teammates sacked Jets quarterback David Norrie 11 times.

Green Bay had been 0-5-1 in preseason and regular-season play, but the new Packers trimmed the Vikings 23-16. Green Bay quarterback Alan Risher, who previously had appeared in the USFL, CFL, and with Tampa Bay, threw one touchdown pass and ran 13 yards for another. The Vikings probably had the distinction of starting the oldest new player, quarterback Tony Adams. Out of football since 1982, Adams, 37, was one of three who shared the MVP award of the old World Football League in 1974.

In Foxboro, two Cleveland players took pictures of each other on the field before the game, then they and the other Browns went on to stop the Patriots 20-10.

One of the day's oddest events occurred in Washington, where the Redskins outlasted the Cardinals 28-21. St. Louis linebacker Peter Noga ran an interception back 60 yards for a touchdown. Noga, a replacement player, was wearing the jersey of his striking brother, Niko. ■

DAMIAN STROHMEYER

Replacement tight end Mark Gehring caught a 31-yard touchdown pass in Houston's 40-10 rout of the Broncos.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0
Buffalo	1	2	0
Indianapolis	1	2	0
Miami	1	2	0
New England	1	2	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	2	1	0
Houston	2	1	0
Pittsburgh	2	1	0
Cincinnati	1	2	0
AFC West			
L.A. Raiders	3	0	0
San Diego	2	1	0
Seattle	2	1	0
Denver	1	1	1
Kansas City	1	2	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	2	1	0
Washington	2	1	0
Philadelphia	1	2	0
St. Louis	1	2	0
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	3	0	0
Minnesota	2	1	0
Tampa Bay	2	1	0
Green Bay	1	1	1
Detroit	0	3	0
NFC West			
New Orleans	2	1	0
San Francisco	2	1	0
Atlanta	1	2	0
L.A. Rams	0	3	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 20, New England 10
Houston 40, Denver 10
Indianapolis 47, Buffalo 6
L.A. Raiders 35, Kansas City 17
San Diego 10, Cincinnati 9
Seattle 24, Miami 20
NFC
Chicago 35, Philadelphia 3
Green Bay 23, Minnesota 16
New Orleans 37, L.A. Rams 10
San Francisco 41, N.Y. Giants 21
Tampa Bay 31, Detroit 27
Washington 28, St. Louis 21
Interconference
Dallas 38, N.Y. Jets 24
Pittsburgh 28, Atlanta 12

MICHAEL ZAGARIS

Twice cut by the 49ers, Tony Cherry ran 13 yards for a touchdown as San Francisco hammered the Giants 41-21.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

GIN ELLIS

AFC offense: G. Hogeboom **NFC offense: A. Allen**

AFC OFFENSE—Gary Hogeboom, quarterback, Indianapolis
Hogeboom tied the Colts' single-game record by throwing five touchdown passes in his team's 47-6 rout of Buffalo, even though he left the game 50 seconds into the third quarter. He completed 17 of 25 for 259 yards and threw no interceptions.

AFC DEFENSE—Eugene Seale, linebacker, Houston
Seale, a construction worker who had failed a tryout with British Columbia of the Canadian Football League in 1986, returned an interception 73 yards for a touchdown and made 10 tackles as the Oilers demolished Denver 40-10. It was Houston's first scoring interception since 1979.

NFC OFFENSE—Anthony Allen, wide receiver, Washington
Allen, who played for Atlanta in 1985-86 but was out of football until the players' strike, caught seven passes for 255 yards and three touchdowns in Washington's 28-21 defeat of St. Louis. His three scoring plays covered 34, 88, and 48 yards, and his yardage total broke the team's single-game record of 241, set by Gary Clark in 1986.

NFC DEFENSE—Paul Tripoli, safety, Tampa Bay
Tripoli, a furniture salesman who was cut by Tampa Bay during training camp, scored or set up 17 points when he intercepted two passes, recovered a fumble, deflected a pass that was intercepted, and made eight tackles in the Buccaneers' 31-27 victory over Detroit. He scored on a 15-yard interception.

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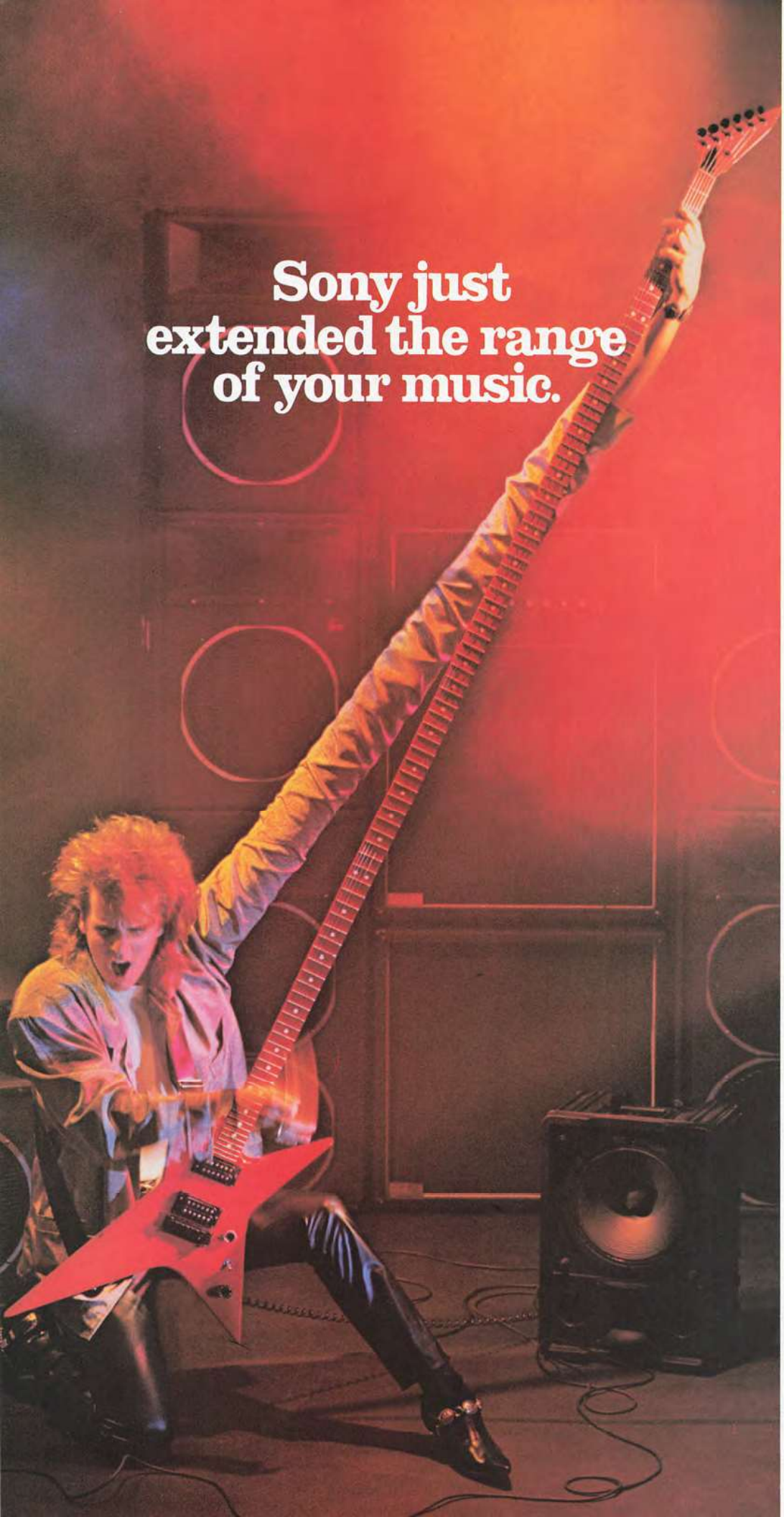

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MIKE DITKA WAS DEpressed that the players' strike was lingering on, but the head coach of the Chicago Bears had to smile at his team's record. After four games, Chicago was the NFL's only unbeaten team, thanks to two victories by the regulars and two by the replacements.

JIM TURNER

Wayne Wilson scored twice against the winless Giants.

His new defense was as fierce as the old one. In successive wins over the Eagles and Vikings, the Bears registered 20 sacks, getting 9 in a 27-7 defeat of division rival Minnesota at Soldier Field.

"Nine sacks today and eleven last week," Ditka said. "That will get you in the *Guinness Book of Records*."

Heading the candidates for Guinness was defensive end Sean McInerney, who had 3½ sacks against Minnesota and a total of 5½ in two weeks.

"We have to play the way Bears fans expect us to play," McInerney said. "We're not here to lose. This team is on top and we want to keep it that way until the regular Bears return."

The strike, however, was a disaster for Vikings head coach Jerry Burns, whose regular team had won its first two games and looked like a strong candidate for the playoffs. His replacement team was 0-2.

"We were off to such a good start and this strike shattered a dream for us," Burns said. "The season was coming together real well and now it seems everything has disintegrated."

Speaking of disintegration, the defending Super Bowl-champion New York Giants were the NFL's only winless team at 0-4.

The Washington Redskins, led by running back Lionel Vital, who rushed for 128 yards and scored on a 22-yard run, journeyed to Giants Stadium and won 38-12. Vital was cut by both the Redskins and Giants in 1986, but he did get some professional experience that year. He was signed by baseball's Chicago White Sox and played right field in the Instructional League.

SPINELLI/NFLP

The Rams finally won their first game as Charles White ran for 166 yards and a touchdown against Pittsburgh.

Vital was assisted by former Saints and Vikings running back Wayne Wilson, who scored two touchdowns, and a defense that got six sacks.

"The only thing we did well was run kickoffs back," Giants head coach Bill Parcells said, "and we certainly had ample opportunity to do that."

By the second week of replacement games, approximately 145 regular players had returned, topped by 17 with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Cardinals hosted New Orleans, a team with 11 players back, in what appeared to be one of the day's best matchups. But, when it was over, the Saints had outgained the

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ERIC BAKKE

AFC offense: Joe Dudek

RON SCRIBNER

NFC offense: K. Edwards

AFC OFFENSE—Joe Dudek, running back, Denver
Dudek spent his rookie season of 1986 on injured reserve and was cut by Denver last summer, but he rushed for 128 yards and scored the game's first two touchdowns as the Broncos surprised the Raiders 30-14.

AFC DEFENSE—Liffort Hobley, safety, Miami
Hobley, the only regular Dolphins player to cross the picket line, intercepted two passes, made six tackles, and returned a fumble 55 yards for a touchdown in Miami's 42-0 rout of Kansas City.

NFC OFFENSE—Kelvin Edwards, wide receiver, Dallas
Carrying on a reverse, Edwards ran 62 yards for a touchdown on the game's first play, then later caught six passes for 100 yards as the Cowboys swamped the Eagles 41-22. Edwards played for New Orleans last season, but he was released in preseason in 1987.

NFC DEFENSE—Sean McInerney, end, Chicago
McInerney, 6-3, 255, whose only previous pro experience was in the Arena Football League, had 6½ tackles, including 3½ sacks, in Chicago's 27-7 victory over Minnesota.

QUOTE

Detroit kicker **Mike Prindle**, a replacement player, discussing his 31-yard field goal that defeated Green Bay 19-16 in overtime:

"The Lions were my team growing up, so doing it for them makes it more special. But I know I'm going home when the strike is over."

MARV RUBIN

Cardinals 368-143 and outfirst-downed them 29-10.

Naturally, the Cardinals won. Cornerback Mark Jackson, who played two years in the Canadian Football League, and regular safety Leonard Smith returned fumbles 77 and 29 yards for touchdowns and St. Louis came out on top 24-19.

First, Saints replacement quarterback Kevin Ingram fumbled the snap on a field-goal attempt, and Jackson picked it up and scored. Ingram then replaced injured starting quarterback John Fourcade and fumbled on his first passing attempt, setting up Smith's touchdown return.

In Denver, the unbeaten (3-0) Raiders were heavily favored over the Broncos, who had lost their first game after the strike to Houston 40-10. But, with help from several returning regulars, a highly partisan crowd of 61,230, and a

DAMIAN STROHMEYER

Earl Ferrell and the Cardinals jumped over New Orleans 24-19. St. Louis returned two fumbles for touchdowns.

fifth-down field goal, Denver prevailed 30-14.

You read correctly: A fifth-down field goal. The Broncos and Raiders were tied 14-14 just before halftime when the officials lost track of the sequence of downs. The sideline marker read fourth down, when it was actually fifth-and-1. Mike Clendenen kicked a 31-yard field goal.

"We yelled and screamed," Raiders head coach Tom Flores said. "They lined them up anyway."

Flores also was unhappy as he watched the Broncos, helped out by regular linemen Dave Studdard and Billy Bryan, rush for 204 yards against a Los Angeles defense that included regulars Howie Long and Bill Pickel. Joe Dudek, cut by Denver last summer, ran for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

The Raiders had one play to smile about. Little Ricky Calhoun (5-7, 190), a rookie from Cal State-Fullerton, returned a punt 55 yards for a touchdown.

The Rams, who had lost six games in a row (five in the regular season and one in the playoffs), got an inspiring pregame pep talk from head coach John Robinson and went out and defeated Pittsburgh 31-21. Regular players had a lot to do with the victory.

On defense, safety Nolan Cromwell blocked a punt, which cornerback Kirby Jackson, a replacement rookie from Mississippi State, recovered in the end zone for a touchdown.

On offense, running back Charles White rushed for a career-high 166 yards and scored once, while veteran quarterback Steve Dils hit 13 of 19 passes for two touchdowns.

"It [Robinson's pep talk] was very emotional," Dils said. "He has a lot of things inside him that he wanted to get out."

In Atlanta, the San Francisco 49ers, with 11 regulars back in the lineup, built a 20-0 halftime lead and defeated the Falcons 25-17. Joe Montana quarterbacked the team for five series and produced two touchdowns and a field goal, one score coming on a 6-yard pass to wide receiver Dwight Clark.

In Seattle, Cincinnati rushed for 270 yards and outlasted Seattle 17-10. Running back Marc Logan, a rookie from Kentucky who was cut by the Bengals last summer,

TOM CROKE

Mike LeBlanc rushed for 146 yards as New England won.

led the attack with 103 yards and a touchdown. Regular linebacker Reggie Williams had two sacks.

Quarterback Gary Hogeboom suffered a cracked rib, but he led the Colts on two drives to field goals before his injury in a 6-0 shutout of the Jets. Chuck Banks, who played for Houston in 1986, rushed for 159 yards.

In Foxboro, Massachusetts, Mike LeBlanc, who was cut by the Patriots in 1985 and 1986, came back and ran for 146 yards on 35 carries as New England stopped Buffalo 14-7.

"I never expected I'd carry the ball so much," LeBlanc said, "but I'll do whatever it takes to try and impress the coaches."

And in Tampa, Rick Neuheisel, who spent last year in law school, came off the bench to lead San Diego past Tampa Bay 17-13. Neuheisel, a two-year player in the USFL, completed 18 of 22 passes for 217 yards. His 82 percent completion mark broke Dan Fouts's club single-game record. ■

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Indianapolis	2	2	0
Miami	2	2	0
New England	2	2	0
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0
Buffalo	1	3	0
AFC Central			
Houston	3	1	0
Cincinnati	2	2	0
Cleveland	2	2	0
Pittsburgh	2	2	0
AFC West			
L.A. Raiders	3	1	0
San Diego	3	1	0
Denver	2	1	1
Seattle	2	2	0
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NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	3	1	0
Washington	3	1	0
St. Louis	2	2	0
Philadelphia	1	3	0
N.Y. Giants	0	4	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	4	0	0
Minnesota	2	2	0
Tampa Bay	2	2	0
Green Bay	1	2	1
Detroit	1	3	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	3	1	0
New Orleans	2	2	0
Atlanta	1	3	0
L.A. Rams	1	3	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 17, Seattle 10
Denver 30, L.A. Raiders 14
Houston 15, Cleveland 10
Indianapolis 6, N.Y. Jets 0
Miami 42, Kansas City 0
New England 14, Buffalo 7
NFC
Chicago 27, Minnesota 7
Dallas 41, Philadelphia 22
Detroit 19, Green Bay 16 (OT)
St. Louis 24, New Orleans 19
San Francisco 25, Atlanta 17
Washington 38, N.Y. Giants 12
Interconference
L.A. Rams 31, Pittsburgh 21
San Diego 17, Tampa Bay 13

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IT WAS A REMARKABLE three weeks for the Washington Redskins.

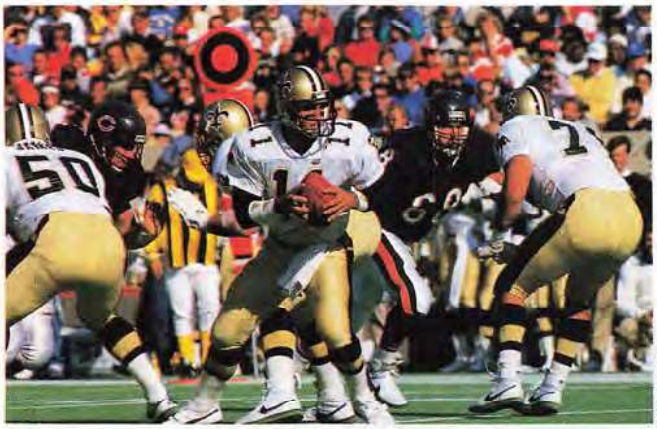
Not one regular player crossed the picket lines, but the replacement team won three games in a row—two of them against clubs with several regulars—and now, with the strike over, Washington looked forward to the rest of the year in first place in the NFC East.

The winning streak left head coach Joe Gibbs with fond memories of his substitute team.

"I'm really proud of these guys for the way they played," Gibbs said. "I've never seen a team give so much on the field. I'll certainly miss them.

"But it will be good to get everyone back. I think the [regular] team stayed together during the strike, and that will help us down the road."

Before heading down that road, the Redskins increased their record to 4-1 with a 13-7 defeat of the Dallas Cowboys, a team that fielded seven regular players, six of them starters. The Cowboys had a three-game winning streak and were playing at home.



DON LANSU

John Fourcade (11) threw a touchdown pass and led the Saints past the Bears 19-17, Chicago's first loss.

GEORGE ROBARGE

Cornerback Elvis Patterson shocked the Raiders with a 75-yard interception return for the winning touchdown.

Dallas had four of those veterans in the defensive line in Randy White, Ed (Too Tall) Jones, Kevin Brooks, and Don Smerek, but former Redskins and Giants player Lionel Vital rushed for 136 yards to help the Redskins control the ball for 36 minutes.

On defense, the fill-in Redskins sacked Cowboys quarterback Danny White six times and forced Tony Dorsett to fumble twice, one of them setting up a field goal.

Two other teams went 3-0 during the strike—San Francisco and San Diego, which held down first place in the NFC and AFC West, respectively, with 4-1 records.

The 49ers and Cardinals both had nearly 20 regulars when they met in San Francisco, but only the 49ers had Joe Montana. Montana passed for 334 yards and four touchdowns—two to Dwight Clark, one to Roger Craig, and one to tight end Ron Heller—as the 49ers won 34-28.

Cardinals rookie running back Derrick McAdoo ran for 111 yards and three touchdowns.

In Los Angeles, the Raiders, with 16 regulars, were heavily favored over the San Diego Chargers, who had none. And, with the score tied 17-17, former Bears quarterback Vince Evans marched Los Angeles to the Chargers' 33 in the last minute.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AL KOOISTRA

AFC offense: Steve Largent

VERNON BIEVER

NFC offense: Lee Morris

AFC OFFENSE—Steve Largent, wide receiver, Seattle
Largent, who returned to the team earlier in the week, caught 15 passes for 261 yards and three touchdowns in Seattle's 37-14 victory over Detroit. He scored all three of his touchdowns in the first quarter and left the game with 9:26 remaining in the third. His reception and yardage totals broke his own club records as he teamed with Jeff Kemp, who threw four touchdown passes.

AFC DEFENSE—Andre Tippett, linebacker, New England
Tippett made eight tackles, including three sacks, broke up a pass, and blocked a field goal that was returned 71 yards for a touchdown by cornerback Raymond Clayborn as New England defeated Houston 21-7.

NFC OFFENSE—Lee Morris, wide receiver, Green Bay
Morris, a rookie from Oklahoma who barely missed making the Packers' squad in training camp, caught six passes for 132 yards, including a 46-yarder for a score, as Green Bay edged the Eagles 16-10 in overtime. Morris also caught 12- and 27-yard passes on the winning touchdown drive.

NFC DEFENSE—Kevin Walker, cornerback, Tampa Bay
Walker, a Buccaneer in 1986 who was cut in the preseason, had two interceptions, returning one 30 yards for a touchdown, in Tampa Bay's 20-10 defeat of Minnesota. He also broke up two passes and made four tackles.

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But with 18 seconds left, cornerback Elvis Patterson, who had been cut by the Giants after the first regular-season game, intercepted a pass and raced 75 yards down the left sideline for a touchdown that won the game 23-17.

"It was a nightmare," Evans said. "You see those in the highlight films, but you never think it's going to happen to you."

Four days before the New Orleans-Chicago game, the Saints signed kicker Florian Kempf, who played for Houston from 1982-84.

And on Sunday in Chicago, Kempf kicked four field goals, the last a 21-yarder with 4:30 left, to give the Saints a 19-17 victory over the previously unbeaten Bears.

"It was an extra point," Kempf said of his short game-winning kick. "But it was a special extra point."

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	3	2	0
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0
Buffalo	2	3	0
Indianapolis	2	3	0
Miami	2	3	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	3	2	0
Houston	3	2	0
Pittsburgh	3	2	0
Cincinnati	2	3	0
AFC West			
San Diego	4	1	0
Denver	3	1	1
L.A. Raiders	3	2	0
Seattle	3	2	0
Kansas City	1	4	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	4	1	0
Dallas	3	2	0
St. Louis	2	3	0
Philadelphia	1	4	0
N.Y. Giants	0	5	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	4	1	0
Tampa Bay	3	2	0
Green Bay	2	2	1
Minnesota	2	3	0
Detroit	1	4	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	4	1	0
New Orleans	3	2	0
Atlanta	2	3	0
L.A. Rams	1	4	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 34, Cincinnati 0
Denver 26, Kansas City 17
New England 21, Houston 7
N.Y. Jets 37, Miami 31 (OT)
Pittsburgh 21, Indianapolis 7
San Diego 23, L.A. Raiders 17
NFC
Atlanta 24, L.A. Rams 20
Green Bay 16, Philadelphia 10 (OT)
New Orleans 19, Chicago 17
San Francisco 34, St. Louis 28
Tampa Bay 20, Minnesota 10
Washington 13, Dallas 7
Interconference
Buffalo 6, N.Y. Giants 3
Seattle 37, Detroit 14

ERIC BAKKE

Bobby Micho landed in the end zone twice as he caught two touchdown passes in Denver's win at Kansas City.

QUOTE

MARV RUBIN

Bears head coach **Mike Ditka**, asked why he alternated replacement quarterbacks Steve Bradley and Sean Payton against New Orleans, which had several regular players on defense:

"I was trying to save their lives."

The Bears were a little overmatched as the Saints played with 10 regulars, while Chicago had none. The Bears also played without starting replacement quarterback Mike Hohensee, who had a knee injury.

Saints cornerback Reggie Sutton, one of the 10 regulars, had three interceptions, the last one with 1:30 left clinching the victory.

The Bears traded quarterback Doug Flutie to New England during the week while he was still on strike. He packed his bags, joined the Patriots, and, after four practices, led his new team to a 21-7 defeat of Houston.

"Doug Flutie did an absolutely remarkable job," Patriots head coach Raymond Berry said. "You can't possibly appreciate what he did with only four practices."

What he did was complete 15 of 25 passes for 199 yards and a touchdown and run for 43 yards on six carries.

In 1986, the Jets and Dolphins played a wild overtime game, won by New York 51-45 in a passing duel between Ken O'Brien and Dan Marino. Well, they did it again, but this time it was Jets backup quarterback Pat Ryan matching touchdowns with Dolphins replacement quarterback Kyle Mackey. The result was the same.

Ryan threw four touchdown passes, the last one eight yards to Eddie Hunter 34 seconds before the end of overtime, and New York won 37-31. Hunter, a rookie who was cut by the Jets last summer, also caught a seven-yard scoring pass and rushed for 94 yards.

Mackey, a former Cardinals and Eagles player, passed for two touchdowns and ran for two more.

In Cincinnati, quarterback Gary Danielson, one of nine Cleveland regulars, threw four touchdown passes as the Browns swamped the Bengals 34-0. Wide receiver Brian Brennan caught 10 passes for 139 yards and a touchdown, and wide receiver Perry Kemp, cut by the team in camp, caught two touchdown passes.

"There's no question that we had a personnel advantage," Browns head coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

In Atlanta, the Rams, with nine regulars, also had a personnel advantage as they lined up against the Falcons, who had only one regular. At halftime, Los Angeles held a 17-0 lead behind the passing of Steve Dils, who threw for two scores, and the running of Charles White, who gained 155 yards in the game.

But, in the second half, quarterback Erik Kramer, a rookie who had been cut by the Saints in the summer,

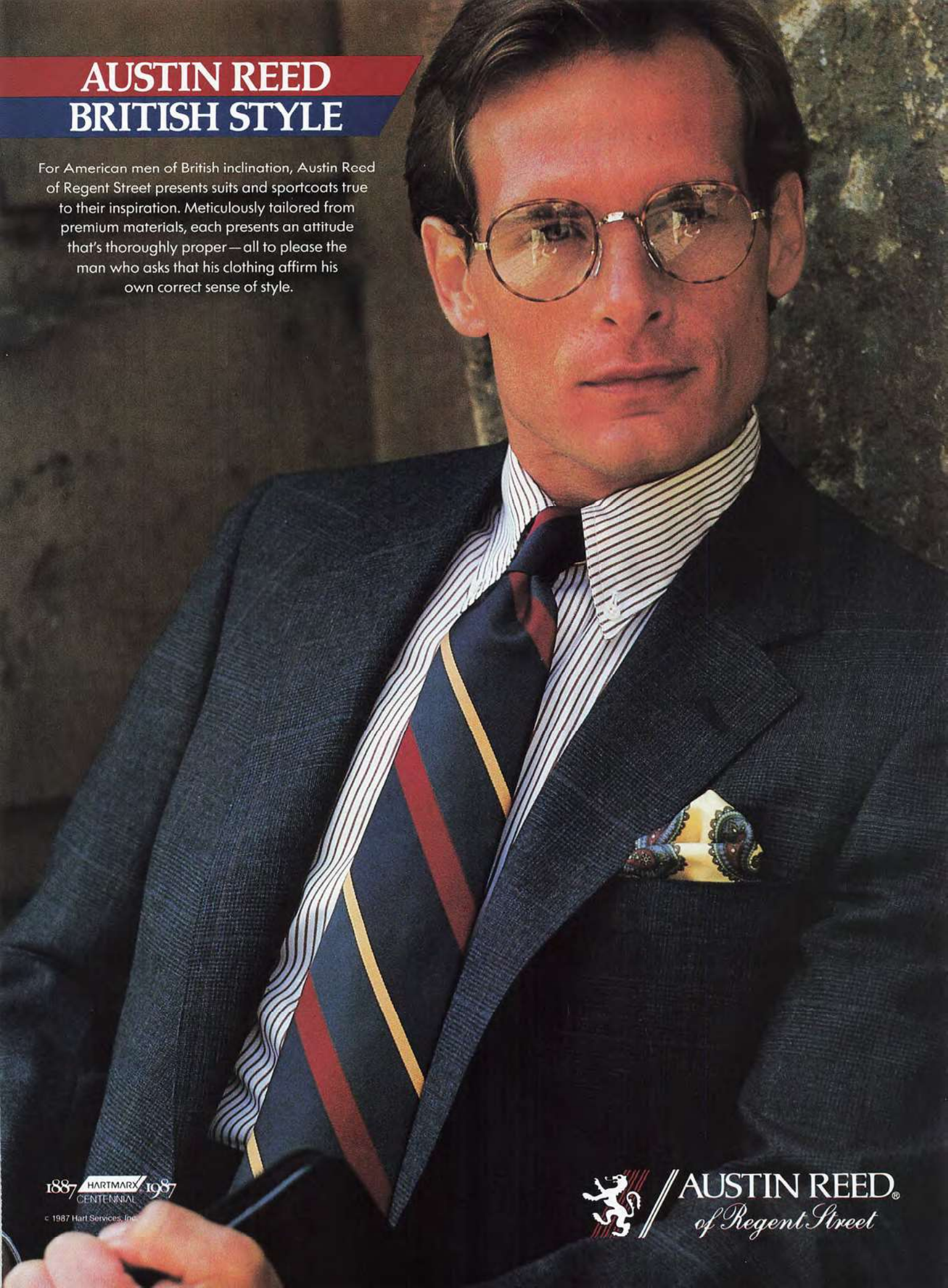
JIM TURNER

The Jets' Pat Ryan passed for 301 yards and four touchdowns as New York stopped Miami in overtime.

passed for three touchdowns, including a 19-yarder to wide receiver Lenny Taylor that won the game with 5:40 left.

Falcons head coach Marion Campbell was beaming after the game.

"They beat the odds," he said of his team. ■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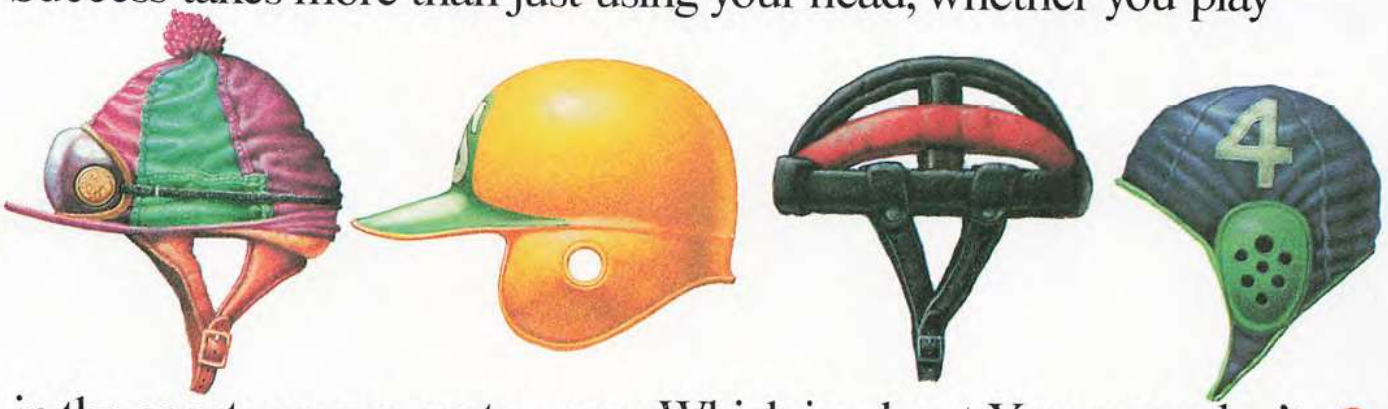

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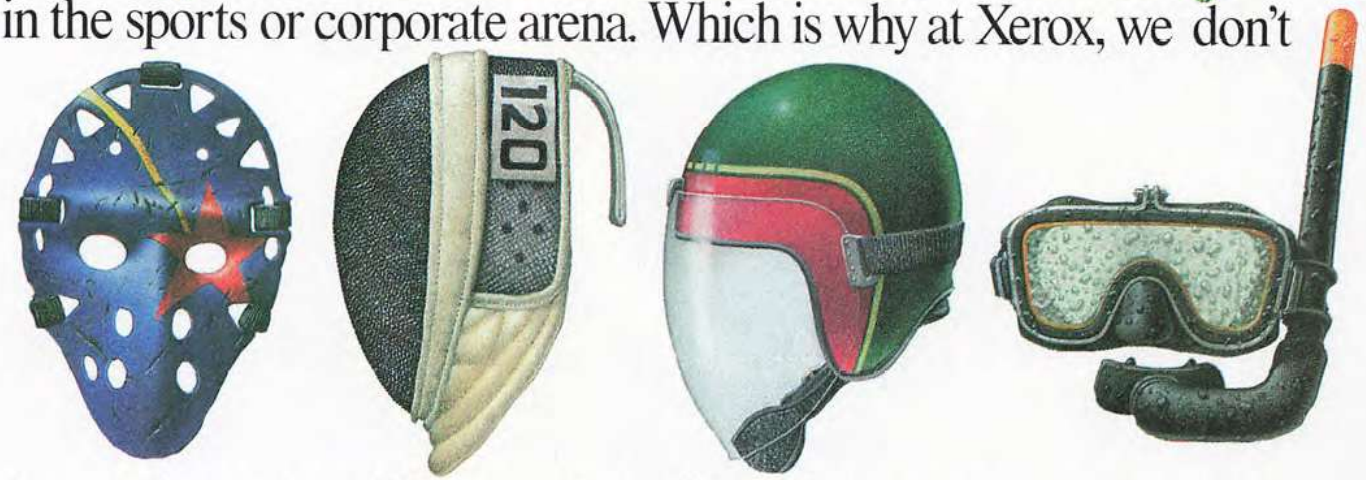

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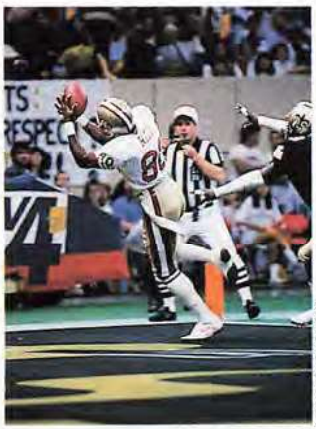
ON THE FIRST WEEKEND all the regulars played after the strike, defense went out of style.

Showing no signs of a lack of offensive timing, the 28 teams scored 736 points, the second-highest one-weekend total in NFL history. Only a 761-point outburst on the weekend of October 16-17, 1983, was higher.

Defensive backs were swinging and missing all over the league as 16 quarterbacks threw two or more touchdown passes. Five of those threw three. Dan Marino threw four . . . and lost.



MICHAEL ZAGARIS

Jerry Rice (80) cruised into the end zone with a Joe Montana pass as the 49ers nudged New Orleans 24-22.

In San Diego, where the Chargers were off to their best start since 1968 (helped by a 3-0 record during the strike), Dan Fouts had a theory—for his team at least.

San Diego's striking regulars practiced at a nearby college campus at least five days a week, with an attendance of from 30 to 35 players a day.

"You got to understand we didn't have a layoff," Fouts said. "We spent the strike practicing the same game plan we used today. And we ran.

"So much of what we do is timing, so we also worked on that. Because of our work, we came in today and had that timing down."

The Chargers had the timing down so well that they jumped on Kansas City for a 28-0 lead by the middle of the second quarter and went on to win 42-21. Fouts threw touchdown passes to Wes Chandler and Kellen Winslow and even sneaked a yard for another.

Chiefs wide receiver Carlos Carson was in midseason form, too, catching nine passes for 197 yards, including 14- and 63-yard touchdown passes from Bill Kenney.

Like the Chargers, the 49ers and Redskins also improved to 5-1.

AL KOOISTRA

Quarterback Randall Cunningham passed for two short touchdowns, and the Eagles ripped the Cowboys 37-20.

In New Orleans, Joe Montana threw three touchdown passes to three different receivers, and the 49ers stopped New Orleans at the San Francisco 1- and 2-yard lines, forcing Saints field goals.

Rueben Mayes rushed for 144 yards for New Orleans, and Morten Andersen kicked five field goals, but it wasn't enough. The 49ers won 24-22.

Andersen, the most accurate field-goal kicker in NFL history, had a chance to win it at the finish, but he was wide on a 52-yard attempt with seven seconds left.

In Washington, the Redskins trailed the Jets 16-7 in the fourth quarter, but scored 10 points in the last six minutes for a 17-16 victory. They won on a 28-yard field goal by Ali Haji-Sheikh with 54 seconds left. Washington also sacked New York quarterback Ken O'Brien seven times, with defensive end Charles Mann getting three of them.

The Eagles welcomed back Keith Byars, who had foot surgery last May, and he ran for 94 yards and a touchdown in a 37-20 defeat of Dallas. Quarterback Randall Cunningham threw two short touchdown passes to tight end John Spagnola, while the Eagles' defense was recovering three fumbles, blocking a field goal, and sacking Cowboys quarterback Danny White five times.

QUOTE

Patriots head coach **Raymond Berry**, summing up a 30-16 loss to the Colts in which his team lost two fumbles, had a punt blocked, and threw an interception:

"We shot ourselves in the foot a few times."

MARV RUBIN

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Buffalo	3	3	0
Indianapolis	3	3	0
New England	3	3	0
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0
Miami	2	4	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	4	2	0
Houston	4	2	0
Pittsburgh	4	2	0
Cincinnati	2	4	0
AFC West			
San Diego	5	1	0
Seattle	4	2	0
Denver	3	2	1
L.A. Raiders	3	3	0
Kansas City	1	5	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	5	1	0
Dallas	3	3	0
Philadelphia	2	4	0
St. Louis	2	4	0
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	5	1	0
Green Bay	3	2	1
Minnesota	3	3	0
Tampa Bay	3	3	0
Detroit	1	5	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	5	1	0
New Orleans	3	3	0
Atlanta	2	4	0
L.A. Rams	1	5	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 34, Miami 31 (OT)
Indianapolis 30, New England 16
Pittsburgh 23, Cincinnati 20
San Diego 42, Kansas City 21
Seattle 35, L.A. Raiders 13
NFC
Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 26
Green Bay 34, Detroit 33
N.Y. Giants 30, St. Louis 7
Philadelphia 37, Dallas 20
San Francisco 24, New Orleans 22
Interconference
Cleveland 30, L.A. Rams 17
Houston 37, Atlanta 33
Minnesota 34, Denver 27
Washington 17, N.Y. Jets 16

No one was hurt worse by the strike than the Minnesota Vikings. The team's overall record is 3-3, but the regulars ran *their* mark to 3-0 with a 34-27 defeat of Denver in a Monday night game in the Metrodome (the game was postponed one day so that the Twins and Cardinals could finish the World Series).

Darrin Nelson ran for 98 yards, including one 72-yard burst that set up a touchdown, and rookie D.J. Dozier scored three times. The game was doubly costly for Denver, which also lost running back Gerald Willhite for the season with a fractured leg and torn ligament in his ankle.

In Three Rivers Stadium, fans chanted "Go Home, Malone" as quarterback Mark Malone and the Steelers trailed Cincinnati 20-10 in the fourth quarter. Instead of going home, Malone produced 13 fourth-quarter points. Pittsburgh won 23-20.

The Steelers' quarterback fired a 12-yard touchdown pass to John Stallworth to tie the score at 20-20 with 5:27 left, then threw a 45-yard bomb to Stallworth to set up Gary Anderson's winning 20-yard field goal with 1:47 left.

In Miami, Marino threw three quick touchdown passes —he had four in all—to take Miami to a 21-0 lead against Buffalo.

But the Bills, behind Jim Kelly's 359 passing yards and two touchdowns, forced a 31-31 tie at the end of regulation and won 34-31 in overtime on Scott Norwood's 27-yard field goal. Buffalo drove 65 yards to that winning field goal.

It was only Buffalo's eighth win in 43 games with Miami.

In Cleveland, the Browns jumped to a 20-0 lead and stopped the Rams 30-17 as Eric Dickerson, who had demanded to be traded because of a contract dispute, carried the ball only seven times in a cameo appearance. The Rams started Charles White at running back, but Dickerson came on in the second quarter and sprinted 27 yards for the team's first touchdown.

Then he sat out the second half with what Rams head coach John Robinson later said was a "charley horse-type injury." ■

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ALAN SCHWARTZ

AFC offense: Jim Kelly

GEORGE TIEDEMANN

NFC offense: Phil Simms

AFC OFFENSE—Jim Kelly, quarterback, Buffalo
Kelly passed for 359 yards and two touchdowns, rallying the Bills, who once trailed 21-0, to a 34-31 victory over Miami in overtime.

AFC DEFENSE—Felix Wright, safety, Cleveland
Wright intercepted two passes by Jim Everett, returning the first 68 yards to set up a field goal and the second 40 yards for touchdown, in Cleveland's 30-17 conquest of the Rams. He also made three tackles and broke up another pass.

NFC OFFENSE—Phil Simms, quarterback, Giants
Simms set a team single-game record by completing 80.95 percent of his passes (17 of 21), leading the Giants to their first victory of the season, a 30-7 rout of St. Louis. Simms threw 16- and 28-yard touchdown passes to wide receiver Lionel Manuel and had a 3-yard touchdown completion to tight end Mark Bavaro.

NFC DEFENSE—Clyde Simmons, defensive end, Philadelphia
Simmons recovered a fumble and blocked a field goal to set up 10 points in the Eagles' surprising 37-20 victory over Dallas. He also made six tackles, including two sacks of Danny White for 35 yards.

McMAHON'S STILL JIM DANDY

MALCOLM EMMONS

Going into the season, Jim McMahon had won 23 successive games as the Bears' starting quarterback. The only trouble was, he hadn't started that often.

The problem isn't talent, of course; a series of injuries has caused him to miss 25 games in the last four years.

On top of everything else, in December, 1986, McMahon had surgery on the shoulder of his right (passing) arm, and his rehabilitation went slowly.

When the 1987 strike ended and the Bears' regulars returned, McMahon said he was ready to play. But, after 11 months of inactivity, head coach Mike Ditka wasn't ready to start him.

The 28-year-old quarterback was chafing on the sidelines when Mike Tomczak opened against Tampa Bay. The Buccaneers shocked the Bears by taking a 20-0 first-quarter lead.

Tampa Bay still led 23-14 at halftime, and the Bears were only that close because Neal Anderson had run 38 yards for a touchdown and punt returner Dennis McKinnon 65.

Ditka called on McMahon to start the second half, however, and he completed 17 of 24 passes for 195 yards. After Chicago fell behind 26-14, he pulled the game out in the fourth quarter 27-26.

McMahon did it by directing 85- and 71-yard touchdown drives, scoring the first touchdown himself by ramming over from the 1-yard line with 5:31 left. Then, with 1:28 to go, he hit Anderson with a 6-yard pass to win it.

"Jim did it, and he did it on his own," Ditka said. "He called the plays on the final drive. He's a tough son of a gun.

"Jim's our starting quarterback now, and he will be our starting quarterback until there's an injury. That question should never be brought up again."

PETE J. GROH

Rookie cornerback Delton Hall raced into the end zone with an intercepted pass in Pittsburgh's comeback.

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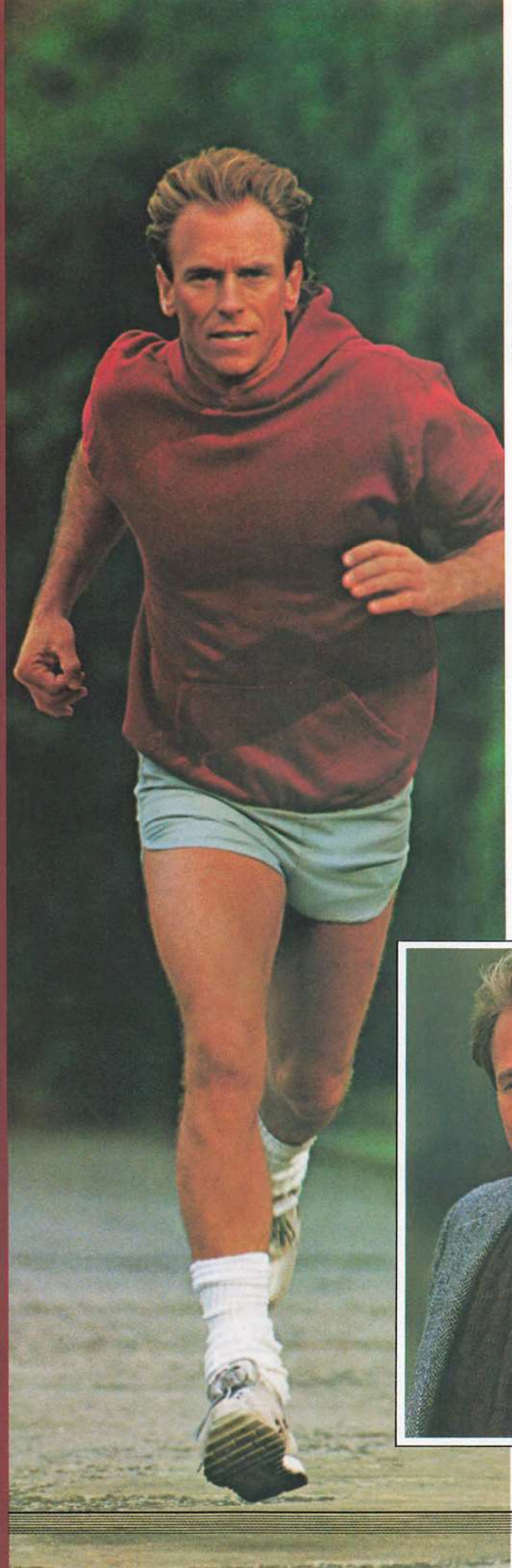

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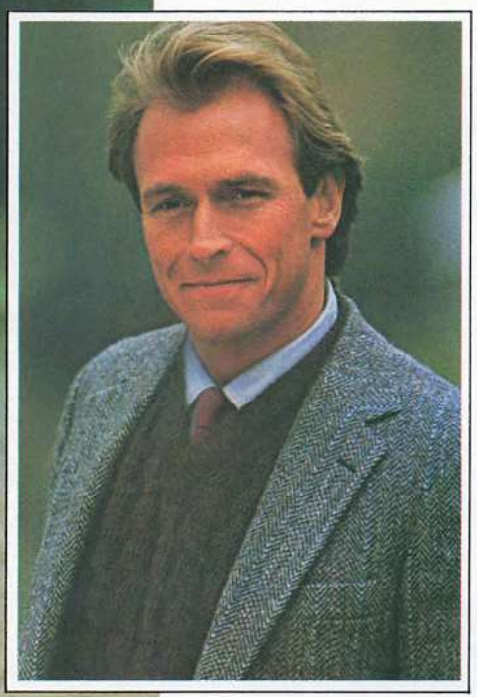

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WITH 55 SECONDS LEFT in Houston's game with Cincinnati, Oilers quarterback Warren Moon dived over the line—behind guard Mike Munchak—for a one-yard touchdown. It gave the Oilers a spectacular 31-29 comeback win.

"We've won three games this year coming from behind in the fourth quarter," Moon said. "We think the fourth quarter is ours. We're developing a new slogan on the Oilers: 'Find a way to win.'"

Moon was speaking for Houston, but he could have been speaking for San Diego, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, and Indianapolis, too—because 1987 was shaping up as The Year of the Underdog.

After seven games, all five of those unheralded teams were challenging for division titles. None of them had been in the playoffs since at least 1982, and the Saints never had gone. True, all five teams had done well during the strike (four of them were 2-1 and San Diego was 3-0), but they also were at .500 or better in games featuring all the regulars. So, the Chargers held first place in the AFC West, the Oilers were first in the AFC Central, the Colts were tied for first in the AFC East, and the Saints and Buccaneers were second in the NFC West and NFC Central.

In Cincinnati, Boomer Esiason's second touchdown pass gave the Bengals a 29-14 lead over Houston with just 6:41 left. Then rookie Curtis Duncan started the Oilers' winning rally with a 62-yard kickoff return, and Tony Zendejas kicked a 47-yard field goal with 5:38 left.

The Bengals fumbled the next kickoff and Houston safety Kenny Johnson recovered on the Cincinnati 21. Moon scrambled 20 yards to the 1-yard line, and Spencer Tillman scored to trim the lead to 29-24 with 4:10 left.

The Oilers stopped the Bengals on the next series, forced a short punt, and Moon led the 45-yard drive to win it.

In Giants Stadium, the Colts welcomed former Los Angeles Rams running back Eric Dickerson, traded to the team the day before after a bitter contract dispute. Dickerson, still learning the plays, ran just 10 times for 38 yards and caught a 28-yard pass, but Indianapolis got 145 yards rushing from Albert Bentley and stopped the Jets 19-14.

The Colts also got four field goals from Dean Biasucci and sacked Jets quarterback Ken O'Brien seven times.

In San Diego, the Chargers won their sixth in a row when Vince Abbott kicked a 33-yard field goal 2:16 into overtime to defeat Cleveland 27-24. Safety Vencie Glenn set up

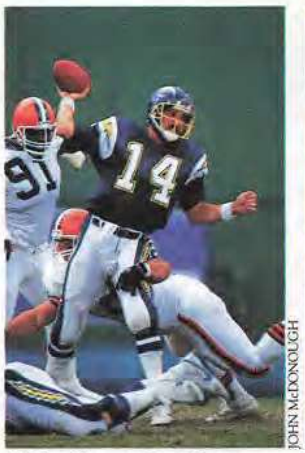
QUOTE

Bengals quarterback **Boomer Esiason**, depressed because Cincinnati lost a game in the last minute for the third time this season:

"There seems to be a dark cloud over this team. Maybe we need an exorcist."

MARV RUBIN

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



JOHN McDONOUGH

MALCOLM EMMONS

AFC offense: Dan Fouts **NFC defense: Ed Jones**

AFC OFFENSE—Dan Fouts, quarterback, San Diego
Fouts passed for 315 yards and two touchdowns as he rallied San Diego, trailing 24-14 in the fourth quarter, to a 27-24 victory over Cleveland in overtime.

AFC DEFENSE—Duane Bickett, linebacker, Indianapolis
Bickett sacked Jets quarterback Ken O'Brien 3½ times and had 9½ tackles in all, in the Colts' 19-14 victory over New York.

NFC OFFENSE—Randall Cunningham, quarterback, Philadelphia
Cunningham threw three touchdown passes, including a game-winning nine-yarder to wide receiver Gregg Garrity with 40 seconds left, as the Eagles rallied to defeat St. Louis 28-23. Cunningham also fired 22- and 70-yard touchdown passes to Cris Carter and Kenny Jackson.

NFC DEFENSE—Ed (Too Tall) Jones, end, Dallas
Jones had seven tackles, including four sacks; tipped two passes that were intercepted; and forced a fumble to lead Dallas past the New York Giants 33-24. One of his deflected passes was returned 26 yards for a touchdown by end Jim Jeffcoat. The other interception and fumble recovery set up field goals by Roger Ruzek, who tied an NFL record by kicking four in the fourth quarter.

JIM TURNER

Traded to the Colts and given a new contract, Eric Dickerson signaled that Indianapolis was number one.

WEEK 8

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Indianapolis	4	3	0
New England	4	3	0
Buffalo	3	4	0
Miami	3	4	0
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0
AFC Central			
Houston	5	2	0
Cleveland	4	3	0
Pittsburgh	4	3	0
Cincinnati	2	5	0
AFC West			
San Diego	6	1	0
Seattle	5	2	0
Denver	4	2	1
L.A. Raiders	3	4	0
Kansas City	1	6	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	6	1	0
Dallas	4	3	0
Philadelphia	3	4	0
St. Louis	2	5	0
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	6	1	0
Tampa Bay	4	3	0
Green Bay	3	3	1
Minnesota	3	4	0
Detroit	1	6	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	6	1	0
New Orleans	4	3	0
Atlanta	2	5	0
L.A. Rams	1	6	0

SCORES

AFC
Houston 31, Cincinnati 29
Indianapolis 19, N.Y. Jets 14
Miami 35, Pittsburgh 24
New England 26, L.A. Raiders 23
San Diego 27, Cleveland 24 (OT)

NFC
Dallas 33, N.Y. Giants 24
New Orleans 38, Atlanta 0
Philadelphia 28, St. Louis 23
San Francisco 31, L.A. Rams 10
Tampa Bay 23, Green Bay 17

Interconference
Chicago 31, Kansas City 28
Denver 34, Detroit 0
Seattle 28, Minnesota 17
Washington 27, Buffalo 7

the winning kick with a 30-yard interception return of Bernie Kosar's pass on the third play of overtime.

The Chargers trailed 24-14 in the fourth quarter, before Dan Fouts directed two scoring drives for a 24-24 tie. He culminated the first with a 22-yard touchdown pass to running back Lionel James, then Abbott kicked a 20-yard field goal with 1:46 left in regulation. Tight end Kellen Winslow caught seven passes, giving him 504 in his career.

Tampa Bay jumped to a 20-0 lead over Green Bay in Milwaukee, then withstood a

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Quarterback Jay Schroeder ran 13 yards for a score.

two-touchdown fourth-quarter rally to defeat the Packers 23-17. "It's very big any time the Tampa Bay Buccaneers can win on the road," said quarterback Steve DeBerg.

In Atlanta, the New Orleans Saints, who started improving last year under head coach Jim Mora, kept it going with a 38-0 rout of the Falcons. Rueben Mayes ran for 112 yards, and Dalton Hilliard ran for 63, including 5- and 30-yard touchdown runs.

New Orleans also rolled up 29 first downs and intercepted five Scott Campbell passes.

The Bears and Redskins, to no one's surprise, continued to roll along at 6-1.

For the second week in a row, Jim McMahon led Chicago on a second-half comeback that pulled out a victory, this time making Kansas City the victim, 31-28.

The Bears trailed 28-14 in the third quarter when McMahon started the rally with a field-goal drive. Then, in the fourth quarter, he threw 25- and 38-yard touchdown passes to wide receiver Willie Gault.

"I hope we don't do this much more," Gault said. "I can't stand these exciting Sundays."

The Chiefs' Bill Kenney helped make it exciting, throwing four touchdown passes to four different receivers.

The Redskins rushed for 299 yards and held the ball for 41 minutes in breezing past Buffalo 27-7. Jay Schroeder passed for two touchdowns to running back Kelvin Bryant and ran 13 yards for another score. Washington also welcomed back George Rogers, who hurt his shoulder in the season opener, and the big running back ran for 125 yards.

In Seattle, the Seahawks handed Minnesota's regulars their first defeat, getting four touchdown passes to win 28-17. Starter Dave Krieg threw three of them, including one of 30 yards to Curt Warner and another 27 yards to Steve Largent. When Krieg was knocked dizzy, Jeff Kemp came in and fired a 28-yard touchdown pass to Ray Butler.

In Foxboro, New England's Tony Franklin missed a 34-yard field goal with one second left, but Raiders cornerback Lionel Washington jumped offsides, giving Franklin a second chance. This time he connected from 29 yards, and the Patriots nipped the Raiders 26-23. ■

DON LANSU

Willie Gault (83) headed for the goal line with a 38-yard touchdown pass as Chicago rallied to beat Kansas City.

WELL ARMED AND DANGEROUS

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

Dan Marino's arm is quicker than a pickpocket's hands.

The quarterback with the quick release robbed another team of victory when he led the Dolphins to a 35-24 comeback win over Pittsburgh that kept him on the trail of a couple of records by Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas.

Desperately needing a victory to stay in contention in the AFC East, Miami trailed the Steelers 21-7 at halftime before Marino caught fire. He threw three touchdown passes in the second half to give him four scoring passes for the second week in a row and 14 in just four games.

It was the fourteenth time that Marino, just 26, had thrown four touchdown passes in a game, the second-highest total in NFL history. Unitas did it 17 times.

Marino is a long way from another record of Unitas's—perhaps the most remarkable of all NFL marks—but he's taking a shot at it. His big day increased his streak of games with at least one touchdown pass to 27. From 1956 to 1960, Unitas threw scoring passes in 47 games in a row. (Seattle's Dave Krieg, with a 28-game streak, is second.)

In his big game against Pittsburgh, Marino, who is the highest-rated passer in NFL history, completed 25 of 31 attempts for 332 yards. He struck for touchdowns on 41- and 33-yard tosses to Mark Clayton, a 50-yarder to Mark Duper, and a 2-yarder to Bruce Hardy.

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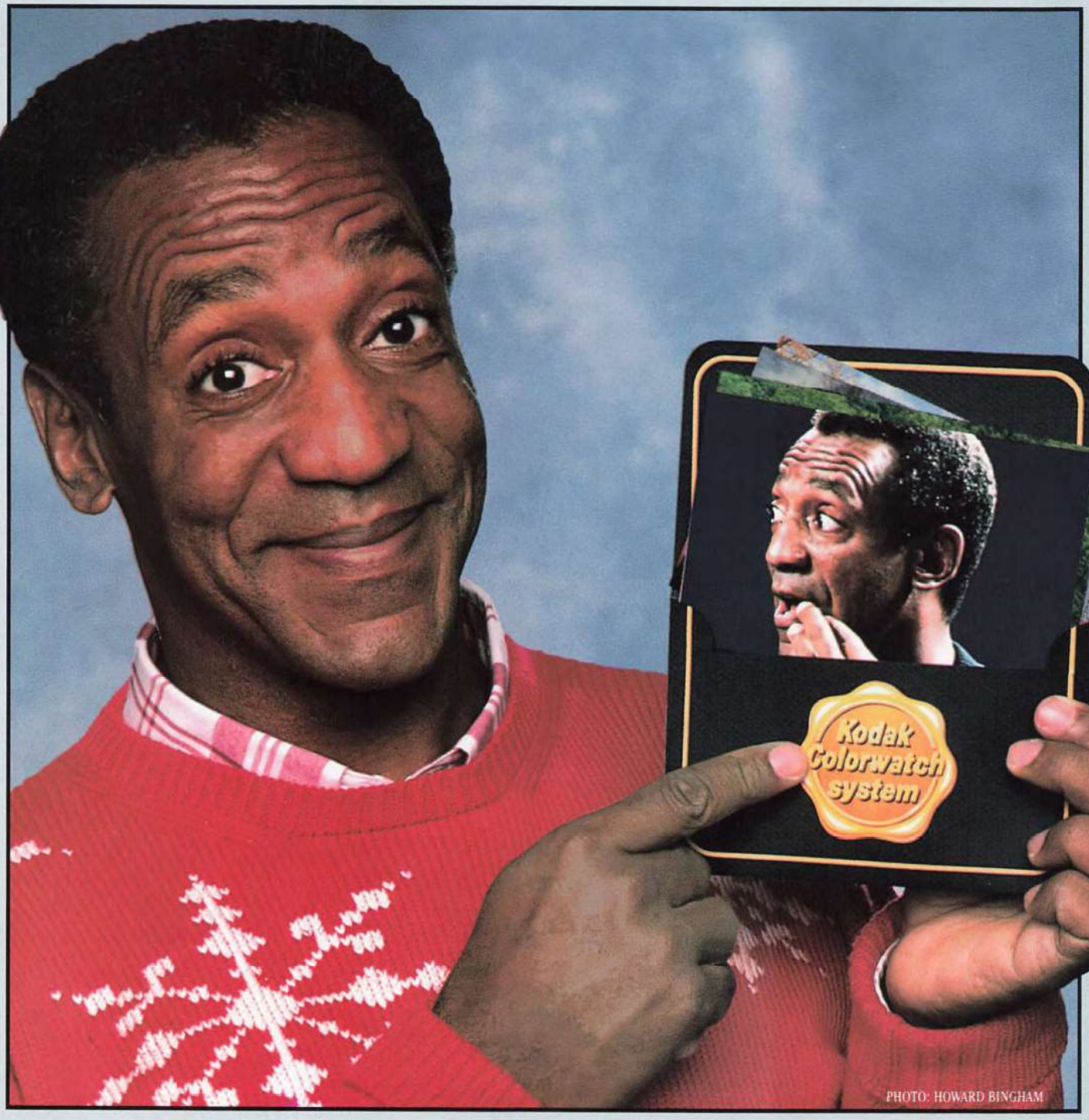

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1987 REPLAY

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THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS had just staged the greatest fourth-quarter comeback in NFL history, but it left quarterback Neil Lomax shaking his head.

"We should just play the second half," he said.

Or maybe just the fourth quarter. Lomax passed for three touchdowns in the fourth quarter, and St. Louis scored 28 points to overcome a 28-3 Tampa Bay lead and pull out a remarkable 31-28 victory.

Earlier this season, the Cardinals scored three touchdowns in the last two minutes to defeat Dallas. And in week 2, St. Louis stormed back from a 28-0 deficit against San Diego to score 24 second-half points and come within a dropped pass on the goal line of winning that game.

The paying customers got their money's worth all around the NFL this week as five games were decided in the last 1:09 of play.

In St. Louis, Lomax, who passed for 314 yards, hit wide receiver J.T. Smith with the winning 17-yard touchdown pass with 2:01 left. Lomax also threw fourth-quarter touchdown passes of 11 yards to Smith and four yards to rookie tight end Robert Awalt, and linebacker Niko Noga returned a fumble by Tampa Bay's James Wilder 24 yards for another score.

With five seconds on the clock, Tampa Bay kicker Donald Igwebuike tried to steal the game back with a 53-yard field goal. But the ball hit the crossbar and bounced back.

Earlier, when the game was going Tampa Bay's way, Steve DeBerg passed for three touchdowns for the Buccaneers.

In Green Bay, the Bears pulled off their third come-from-behind victory in a row as Jim McMahon led another late drive to set up Kevin Butler for a last-play field goal. Butler made it—from 52 yards—to edge the Packers 26-24.

"We won three football games in a row that defy explanation," Bears head coach Mike Ditka said. "I can't explain it, except that I know these guys don't want to quit."

Butler made four field goals, after missing his first two, and McMahon threw a 59-yard touchdown pass to running back Neal Anderson on Chicago's first play.

The Packers thought *they* had won when Al Del Greco kicked a 47-yard field goal of his own with a minute left.

There was some bad news for the Bears, as they lost AFC-NFC Pro Bowl defensive end Dan Hampton (knee) and linebacker Otis Wilson (knee) for several weeks.

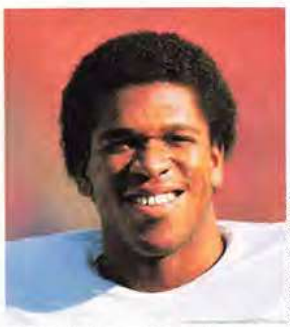
In Philadelphia, the Eagles shocked Washington 31-27 to stretch their record to 3-0 since the strike ended.

Randall Cunningham and wide receiver Gregg Garrity,

GREG TROTT

Roger Craig rushed for 68 yards and caught eight passes as the 49ers rolled on, defeating Houston 27-20.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



GEORGE GOJKOVICH

AFC defense: Merriweather

DAVID BOSS

NFC offense: D. Hilliard

AFC OFFENSE—Earnest Byner, running back, Cleveland
Byner scored three touchdowns in the third quarter (on three- and five-yard runs and a four-yard pass from Bernie Kosar) as the Browns breezed past Atlanta 38-3. Byner also led Cleveland in receiving, catching four passes for 40 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Mike Merriweather, linebacker, Pittsburgh
Merriweather had seven tackles, including 2½ sacks of quarterback Bill Kenney, and intercepted a pass in Pittsburgh's 17-16 victory over Kansas City. Merriweather's final sack was good for a nine-yard loss when Kansas City was on the Steelers' 40 with 25 seconds left in the game.

NFC OFFENSE—Dalton Hilliard, running back, New Orleans
Hilliard was a one-man offense in the Saints' 31-14 defeat of the Rams. He ran for 92 yards, caught four passes for 84 yards and a touchdown, and threw a 23-yard scoring pass to tight end John Tice.

NFC DEFENSE—Chris Doleman, end, Minnesota
Doleman had six tackles, including sacks of Raiders quarterbacks Rusty Hilger and Marc Wilson, and deflected a pass by Hilger that was intercepted by tackle Henry Thomas to set up a touchdown in Minnesota's 31-20 conquest of the Los Angeles Raiders.

QUOTE

Quarterback **Scott Campbell**, asked to explain Atlanta's collapse the last two weeks (outscored 76-3):
"If I knew why, I'd be the Albert Einstein of football."

MARV RUBIN

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Buffalo	4	4	0
Indianapolis	4	4	0
Miami	4	4	0
New England	4	4	0
N.Y. Jets	4	4	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	5	3	0
Houston	5	3	0
Pittsburgh	5	3	0
Cincinnati	2	6	0
AFC West			
San Diego	7	1	0
Seattle	5	3	0
Denver	4	3	1
L.A. Raiders	3	5	0
Kansas City	1	7	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	6	2	0
Dallas	4	4	0
Philadelphia	4	4	0
St. Louis	3	5	0
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	7	1	0
Minnesota	4	4	0
Tampa Bay	4	4	0
Green Bay	3	4	1
Detroit	2	6	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	7	1	0
New Orleans	5	3	0
Atlanta	2	6	0
L.A. Rams	1	7	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 21, Denver 14
Miami 20, Cincinnati 14
N.Y. Jets 30, Seattle 14
Pittsburgh 17, Kansas City 16
San Diego 16, Indianapolis 13
NFC
Chicago 26, Green Bay 24
Detroit 27, Dallas 17
New Orleans 31, L.A. Rams 14
Philadelphia 31, Washington 27
St. Louis 31, Tampa Bay 28
Interconference
Cleveland 38, Atlanta 3
Minnesota 31, L.A. Raiders 20
N.Y. Giants 17, New England 10
San Francisco 27, Houston 20

RON VESELY

Randall Cunningham threw three touchdown passes for the Eagles, including the game winner with 1:06 left.

who teamed for the winning touchdown pass against St. Louis with 40 seconds left the week before, did it again. This time, Cunningham scrambled left and fired a 40-yard pass to Garrity, who made a leaping, twisting catch and fell into the end zone with 1:06 left.

Cunningham marched the Eagles 77 yards on the winning drive, after Jay Schroeder's 47-yard scoring pass to Gary Clark had given Washington a 27-24 lead with 2:29 to go.

For the day, the Eagles' quarterback passed for three touchdowns, including two to wide receiver Mike Quick, and also ran for 80 yards.

"I thought he was fantastic," Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs said. "He's like a running back playing quarterback."

In Giants Stadium, Phil Simms was sidelined with a knee injury, but backup Jeff Rutledge hit 21 of 33 passes for two touchdowns, and New York held off New England 17-10. This one was decided with 1:09 left when New York linebacker Lawrence Taylor intercepted a pass by Steve Grogan at the Giants' 15.

In Kansas City, Pittsburgh handed the Chiefs their seventh successive loss in another nervous game, 17-16. Gary Anderson, who missed a 41-yard field goal with 5:56 left, got a second chance with 4:02 remaining and connected from 44 yards out.

Tackle Gerald Williams recovered a fumble on the Chiefs' 27 to set up the winning kick. Offensively, the Steelers' Earnest Jackson ran for 125 yards, Walter Abercrombie gained 98, and Mark Malone threw two touchdown passes to first-year running back Rodney Carter.

The 49ers, like the Bears and Chargers, stretched their record to 7-1 when Joe Montana stayed hot with 289 passing yards and three touchdowns in a 27-20 defeat of Houston. Fullback Tom Rathman caught two of the scoring passes (eight and three yards) and ran for 57 yards.

Houston was creative in defeat, three times lining up Warren Moon at quarterback —and then sending him in motion. In that formation, the ball was snapped to another quarterback, Brent Pease, who lined up at tailback. It worked twice as Pease completed a 35-yard pass and ran eight yards for a first down.

Dan Marino tied Seattle's Dave Krieg for the NFL's second-longest consecutive-game touchdown-pass streak when he fired a 30-yarder to Mark Clayton in Miami's 20-14 defeat of Cincinnati. It was the twenty-eighth game in a row Marino had connected. Only Johnny Unitas, way out there at 47 straight, was ahead of him.

Denver, which has not been a good road team, was surprised at Buffalo 21-14 as the Bills jumped to a 21-0 lead, rushed for 258 yards, and picked up 25 first downs to the Broncos' 12. ■

GEORGE GOJKOVICH

Steve Largent caught a 29-yard touchdown pass, but the Jets still hammered the Seahawks on Monday night.

OFF TO A FAST START

PAUL JASIENSKI

Halfway through the 1987 season, the San Diego Chargers were making a bold bid to reach the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

They won their seventh successive game and remained alone in first place in the AFC West with a 16-13 victory over Indianapolis after trailing 13-0 at halftime. It was the fifth time in six games San Diego had come from behind in the fourth quarter to win.

And, for the second week in a row, British-born Vince Abbott won the game with a field goal.

He chilled the Colts on a 39-yard kick with 12 seconds left, a week after stopping Cleveland with a 33-yard field goal in overtime. In all, Abbott was 3-for-3 in the game with Indianapolis, also hitting from 42 and 37 yards.

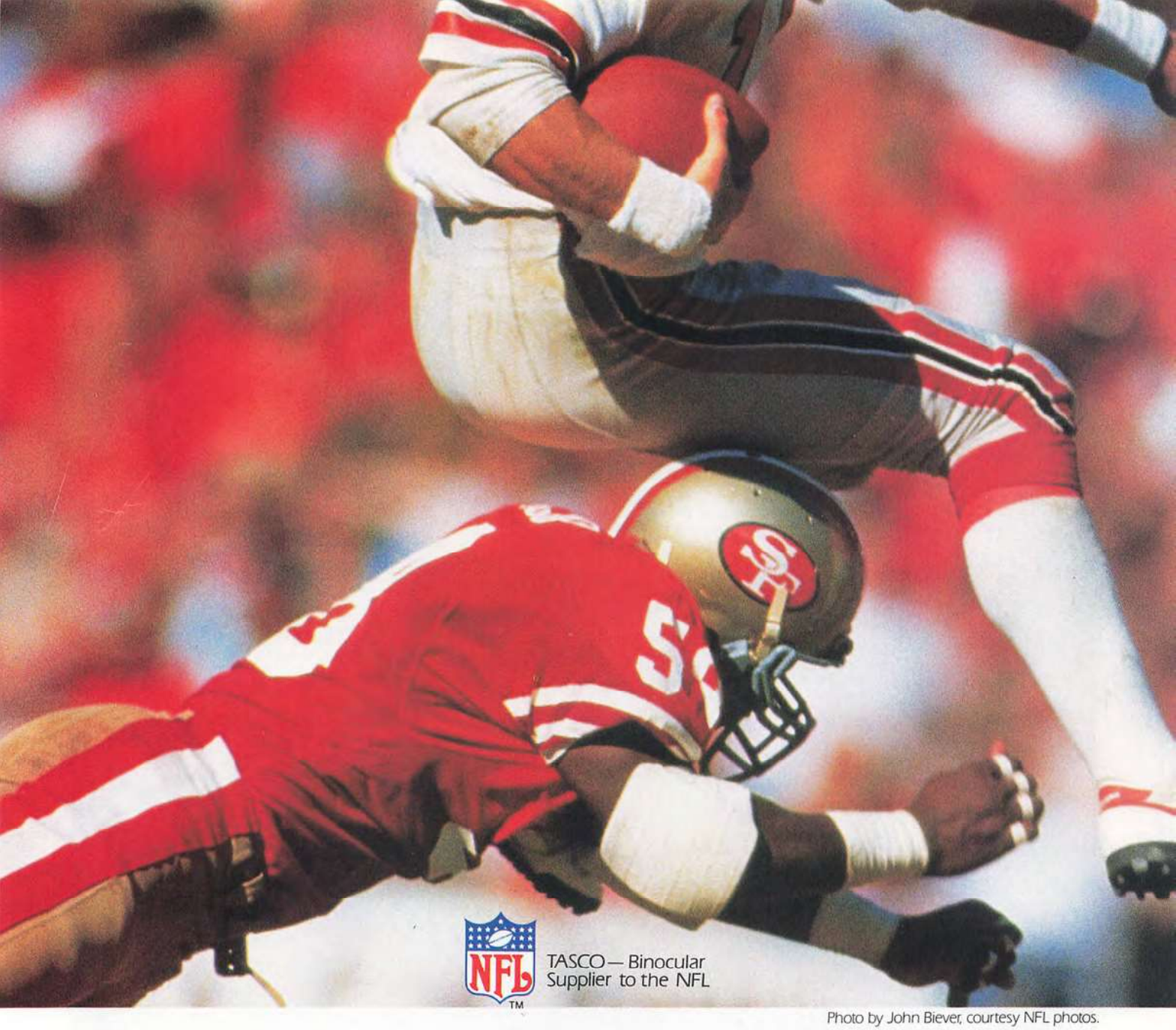
"When you're in a game-winning situation, it is the epitome of what you want to do," he said. "It's what this is all about. You have to look forward to it, and you have to have confidence."

The 29-year-old Abbott gained his confidence when he won the job from veteran Rolf Benirschke in training camp, after being cut by the Bears, Buccaneers, and Raiders in 1984, 1985, and 1986. His only previous work in pro football was one season (1983) with the Los Angeles Express of the USFL.

"Being under that type of pressure [trying to win a job in training camp] has really helped me," Abbott said.

He was born in London and lived in Australia, New Zealand, the Bahamas, and Canada, before his family immigrated to America on July 4, 1976, the nation's two-hundredth birthday.

He obviously has found a home in San Diego.



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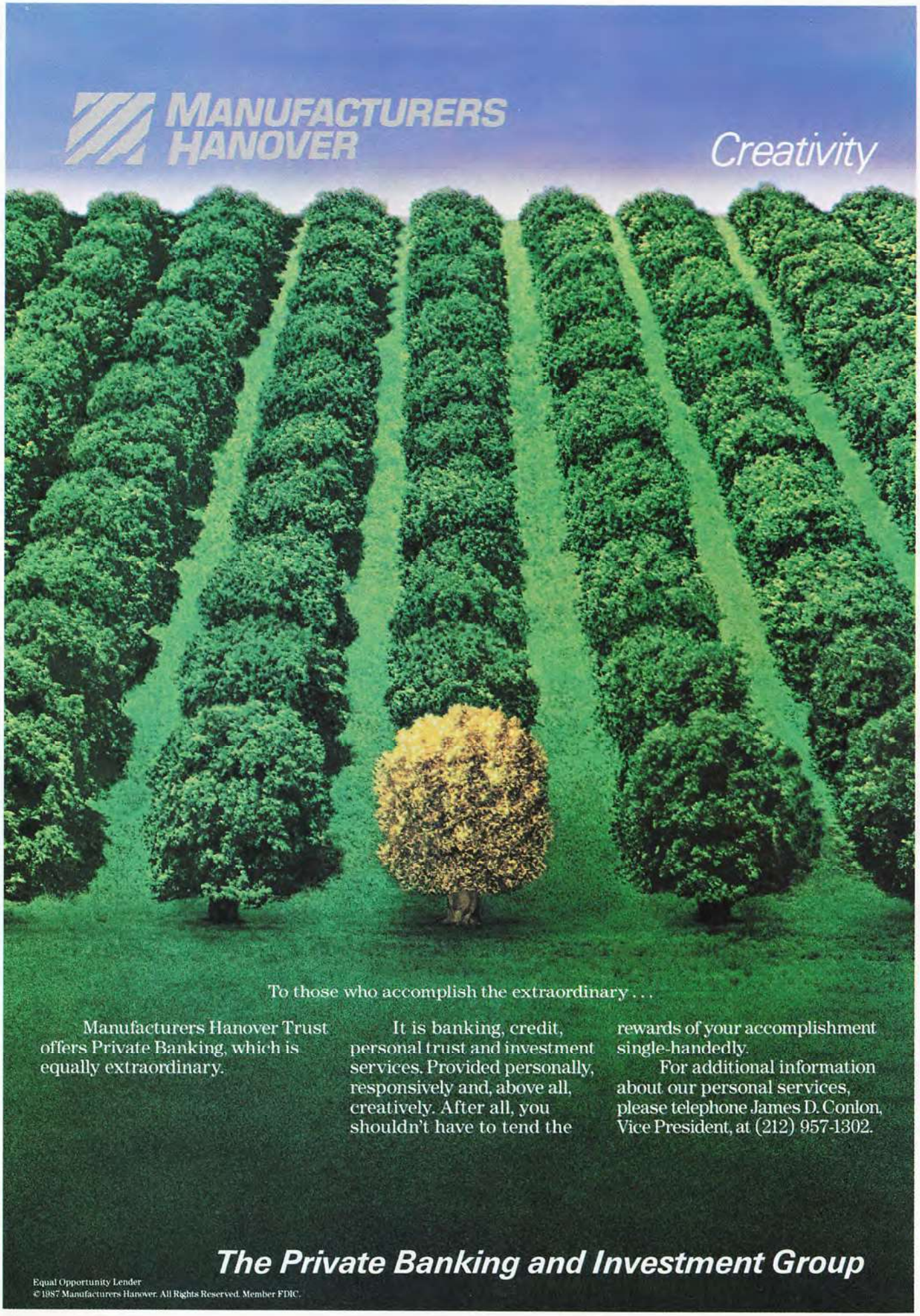
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1987 WEEK 10 REPLAY

NOVEMBER 15

FOR THE LOS ANGELES Rams, it had been a disastrous season. They had a 1-2 record during the strike—and that was the *good* news. In five games before and after the strike, they were a combined 0-5.

The club not only lost seven games, it also lost Eric Dickerson, who was traded to Indianapolis after a bitter contract dispute.

Thus, what happened in week 10 was a sight for sore morale.

In St. Louis, the 1-7 Rams, once considered a Super Bowl XXII contender, rallied from a 24-14 second-half deficit to defeat the Cardinals 27-24.

Dickerson's backup, Charles White, who had never run for more than a total of 342 yards in any of six NFL seasons, ran for 213 in one afternoon. And, with White gaining 62 yards on the drive, the Rams marched 94 yards to set up Mike Lansford for a 20-yard field goal that won the game on the last play. Los Angeles kept the ball for 23 plays and 11 minutes on the drive.

"We finally just said to-hell-with-it," head coach John Robinson said. "We were going to go out and play as physically as we could."

HERB SNITZER

Herschel Walker outran New England's Raymond Clayborn for a 60-yard touchdown, and Dallas won in overtime.

Safety Nolan Cromwell triggered the comeback when he blocked Greg Cater's third-quarter punt, which was recovered in the end zone for a touchdown by cornerback Jerry Gray. And defensive end Gary Jeter kept the pressure on with three sacks of Cardinals quarterback Neil Lomax.

On Monday night in Denver, the Broncos, who rarely lose at home, and the Bears, who rarely lose anywhere, engaged in a wild shootout that still might be going on, if Chicago hadn't blown two extra points.

The Broncos won 31-29 as John Elway passed for 341 yards and three touchdowns and rallied his team from 14-0 and 29-21 deficits. Scrambling all over the field, Elway threw to Vance Johnson (22 yards), Mark Jackson (22 yards), and Ricky Nattiel (35 yards) for touchdowns.

The Bears' Jim McMahon, who had won 25 games in a row as a starter, passed for 311 yards and three touchdowns of his own, including 51- and 26-yard strikes to Willie Gault.

Besides failing to convert two extra points, the Bears made another critical error when 315-pound William (The Refrigerator) Perry lost a fumble on the Denver goal line in the second quarter with Chicago ahead 14-7.

In Foxboro, Dallas started

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Indianapolis	5	4	0
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0
Buffalo	4	5	0
Miami	4	5	0
New England	4	5	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	6	3	0
Houston	6	3	0
Pittsburgh	5	4	0
Cincinnati	3	6	0
AFC West			
San Diego	8	1	0
Seattle	6	3	0
Denver	5	3	1
L.A. Raiders	3	6	0
Kansas City	1	8	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	7	2	0
Dallas	5	4	0
Philadelphia	4	5	0
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0
St. Louis	3	6	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	7	2	0
Minnesota	5	4	0
Tampa Bay	4	5	0
Green Bay	3	5	1
Detroit	2	7	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	7	2	0
New Orleans	6	3	0
Atlanta	2	7	0
L.A. Rams	2	7	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 27, Buffalo 21
Houston 23, Pittsburgh 3
Indianapolis 40, Miami 21
N.Y. Jets 16, Kansas City 9
San Diego 16, L.A. Raiders 14
NFC
L.A. Rams 27, St. Louis 24
Minnesota 23, Tampa Bay 17
New Orleans 26, San Francisco 24
N.Y. Giants 20, Philadelphia 17
Washington 20, Detroit 13
Interconference
Cincinnati 16, Atlanta 10
Dallas 23, New England 17 (OT)
Denver 31, Chicago 29
Seattle 24, Green Bay 13

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

RON VESELY

AFC offense: F. McNeil

BRUCE DIERDORFF

NFC offense: Charles White

AFC OFFENSE—Freeman McNeil, running back, New York Jets
Rainy weather failed to slow McNeil, who ran for 184 yards on 26 carries to lead the Jets past Kansas City 16-9.

AFC DEFENSE—Cliff Odom, linebacker, Indianapolis
Odom forced three fumbles, made nine tackles, and broke up two passes as Indianapolis surprised Miami 40-21. His forced fumbles set up a touchdown and two field goals.

NFC OFFENSE—Charles White, running back, Los Angeles Rams
White rushed for a career-high 213 yards, including a 47-yard touchdown run, to lead the Rams past St. Louis 27-24.

NFC DEFENSE—Darrell Green, cornerback, Washington
Green intercepted three passes, broke up another, and made six tackles in Washington's 20-13 defeat of Detroit. He made his final interception at the Redskins' 15-yard line with a minute left.

Herschel Walker at tailback, instead of Tony Dorsett, and Walker left cleat marks all over New England as he ran for 173 yards and caught five passes for 59 more in the Cowboys' 23-17 victory.

With 1:50 gone in overtime, Walker bolted through the line, veered left, and raced 60 yards to the winning touchdown. He outran cornerback Raymond Clayborn, a former sprinter at Texas.

"What a remarkable play," Dallas coach Tom Landry said. "Clayborn came across the field at a forty-five-degree angle and still couldn't catch him. Once Herschel gets into the secondary, he's awesome."

Walker got help from Danny White, who passed for 286 yards and hit Mike Renfro with a 43-yard strike that set up Roger Ruzek's 20-yard field goal that tied the game at 17-17 with 28 seconds left in regulation.

In Miami, the Colts snapped a record 14-game losing streak against the Dolphins when they won the second half 20-0 and stunned Miami 40-21.

Eric Dickerson ran for 158 yards and a touchdown, and Albert Bentley added 79 and two more scores.

The Redskins and Lions were tied 3-3, when Washington head coach Joe Gibbs told backup quarterback Doug Williams to warm up.

"I thought he was talking to someone else," Williams said. "My heart nearly jumped out of my chest."

ALAN SCHWARTZ

Linebacker Duane Bickett's 28-yard return of a fumble set up a field goal as the Colts stunned Miami 40-21.

Williams got warm in a hurry, however, and when he replaced starter Jay Schroeder, he immediately directed 80- and 61-yard touchdown drives that gave Washington a 17-3 halftime lead en route to a 20-13 victory. Williams finished the first scoring drive with a 16-yard pass to running back Kelvin Bryant and ended the second by throwing 42 yards to Gary Clark with 27 seconds left in the half.

Bernie Kosar was another hot quarterback, passing for 346 yards and two touchdowns in Cleveland's 27-21 defeat of Buffalo.

In a statistical oddity, the two teams traded fumble returns for touchdowns. Bills safety Mark Kelso ran 56 yards for one touchdown, and Browns safety Ray Ellis matched that with a 27-yard run for another.

Houston stayed in a tie with the Browns for first place in the AFC Central when the Oilers held the Steelers to 170 yards and eight first downs in a 23-3 blitz in Pittsburgh.

Houston's Warren Moon completed 18 of 24 passes for two touchdowns, and Mike Rozier rushed for 99 yards.

In Philadelphia, Raul Allegre of the Giants kicked 53- and 52-yard field goals. The 52-yard effort, with 11:12 left in the game, was enough to defeat the Eagles 20-17.

SCOTT CUNNINGHAM

Backup Redskins quarterback Doug Williams was rushed into action and threw two touchdown passes in a 20-13 victory.

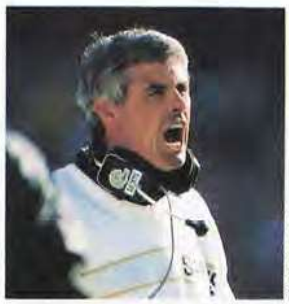
QUOTE

Bill Walsh, analyzing the condition of quarterback Steve Young, who suffered a mild concussion against New Orleans:

"At halftime, Steve thought it was still the first quarter."

MARV RUBIN

THE LOOK OF A WINNER IN NEW ORLEANS



GEORGE ROSE

Three weeks earlier, the New Orleans Saints, who were trying to pull into a first-place tie with San Francisco in the NFC West, lost to the 49ers 24-22.

Jim Mora, who has rebuilt the Saints in his two years as head coach, was angry.

"We ain't good enough to beat those guys," he said. "We're close, we're close, but close doesn't mean spit. I'm sick of coming close and saying 'would have' and 'should have.' "

Three weeks later, the Saints were good enough to beat those guys—and in San Francisco, no less.

Morten Andersen, who missed a 52-yard field goal with seven seconds left in the first game, won the rematch with a 40-yarder into a stiff wind with 1:06 left. The Saints stopped the 49ers 26-24, halted their seven-game winning streak, and moved to within a game of first place.

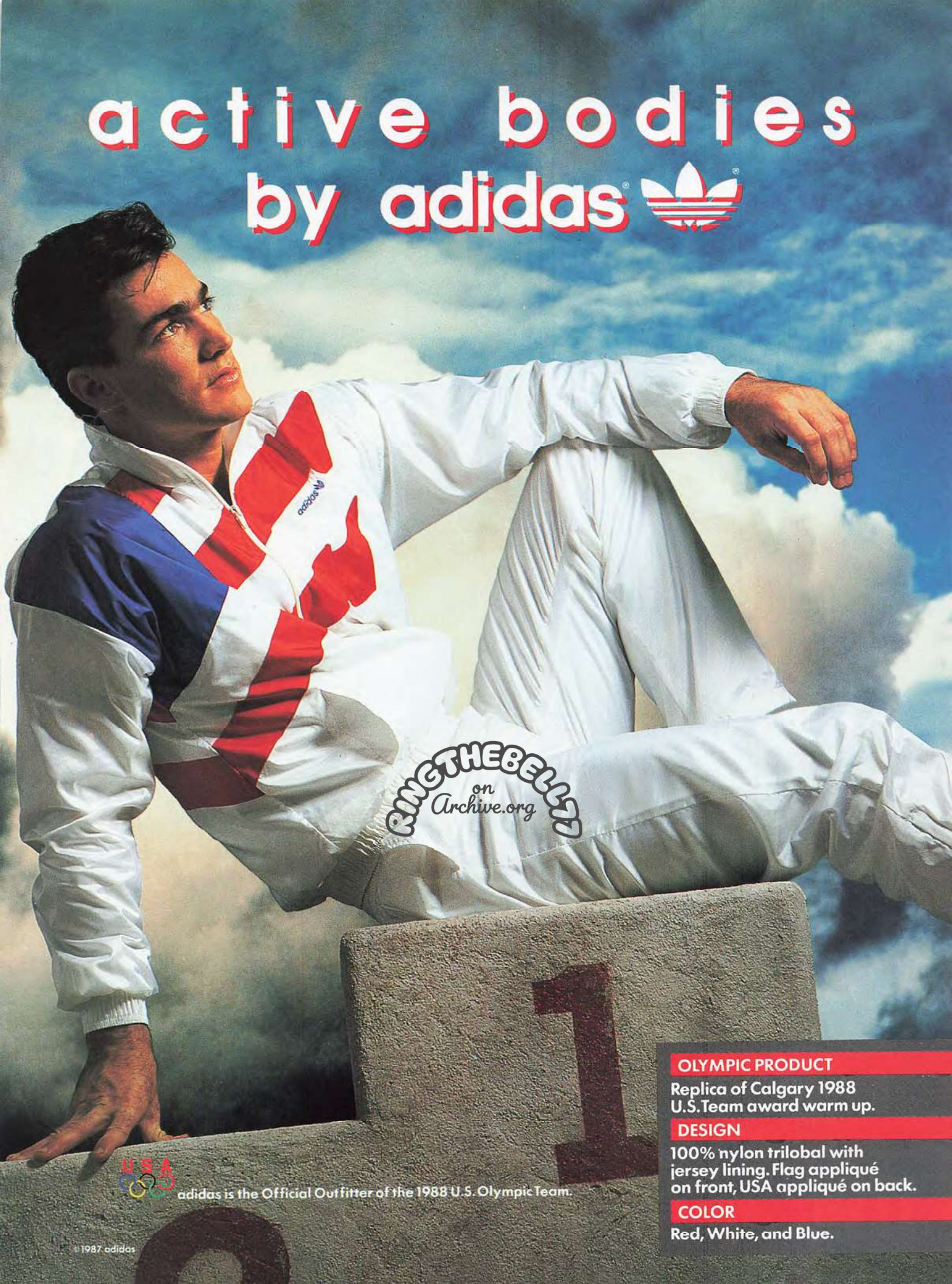
"It was a great win by our team," a happier Mora said. "Our offense, defense, and special teams all made big plays. There were times we could have let down and didn't."

It was the Saints' third successive win—all on the road—and they made a lot of clutch plays, besides Andersen's kick. Cornerback Reggie Sutton blocked a field-goal try by Ray Wersching, and safety Johnnie Poe carried the ball 61 yards for a touchdown.

Quarterback Bobby Hebert threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Mike Jones and Andersen kicked four field goals, including a 51-yarder.

"We're a contender," Mora said. "But being a contender doesn't count. It's where you are at the end that counts."

The Saints hoped that at the end of the season they would have a winning record and would be in the playoffs. It would be a first for the franchise on both counts.



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1987 REPLAY

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QUARTERBACK JOE MONtana of the 49ers twice has been named most valuable player in the Super Bowl. Two-thirds of the way through the season, Montana and his team looked super again.

The 49ers and Bears were the only NFC teams with 8-2 records, and Montana kept San Francisco rolling with three touchdown passes to wide receiver Jerry Rice in a 24-10 defeat of Tampa Bay.

The outburst gave the 49ers' quarterback an NFL-leading 23 touchdown passes. His favorite target, Rice, had 11 touchdown catches.

"I've got a real good chemistry with Joe," Rice said. "If the opportunity is there, he will get me the ball. That's why I hustle down the field."

Montana is just as happy to throw to Rice as Jerry is to catch it.

"I'll take Jerry Rice one-on-one against any defensive back in the league," the 49ers quarterback said.

Montana's three scoring passes to Rice against Tampa Bay went 21, 42, and 3 yards —and the wide receiver eluded cornerback Rod Jones on all three plays.

In Chicago, the Bears rebounded from their Monday night loss to Denver by overwhelming Detroit 30-10.

Earlier in the week head coach Mike Ditka had not spoken kindly of his defense. To be precise, he said, "We stink."

The defense responded by holding Detroit to 179 yards and 10 first downs, while Nickel back Shaun Gayle returned an interception 20 yards for a touchdown, and linebacker Ron Rivera set up a field goal with an interception. End Richard Dent ended the team's string of 11 quarters without a sack by getting two.

TONY INZERILLO / ALLSPORT

Walter Payton (34) enjoyed one of his most productive days of the season as the Bears defeated the Lions 30-10.

Two surprise first-place teams, San Diego and Houston, were dealt harsh doses of reality.

The Chargers, holding down first place in the AFC West with eight consecutive victories and an 8-1 record, withered in the noisy Kingdome. The Seattle Seahawks outgained them 496-156, outfirst-downed them 34-6, and outscored them 34-3.

Dave Krieg completed 19 of 26 passes for 246 yards and two touchdowns and ran 11 yards for another score. Curt Warner rushed for 119 yards and a touchdown.

The Houston Oilers, tied for first with Cleveland in the AFC Central, had the home-field advantage against the Browns, but it did them absolutely no good at all.

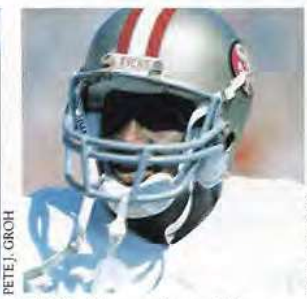
Cleveland forced six turnovers to set up 20 points, controlled the ball for 42:50, held Warren Moon to *one* pass completion in the second half, and won 40-7.

Meanwhile, Bernie Kosar threw 27- and 39-yard touchdown passes to Webster

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PETE J. GROH

AFC defense: F. Minnifield



PAUL JASIENSKI

NFC offense: Jerry Rice

AFC OFFENSE—Troy Stradford, running back, Miami
Stradford, a rookie from Boston College, gained 252 yards from scrimmage in Miami's 20-14 defeat of Dallas. He rushed for 169 yards and a touchdown, caught six passes from Dan Marino for 83 yards, and had non-scoring 51- and 37-yard runs.

AFC DEFENSE—Frank Minnifield, cornerback, Cleveland
Minnifield intercepted three passes, setting up a touchdown and a field goal, as the Browns routed Houston 40-7.

NFC OFFENSE—Jerry Rice, wide receiver, San Francisco
Rice caught three touchdown passes from Joe Montana in the 49ers' 24-10 defeat of Tampa Bay. For the game, he had seven catches for 103 yards.

NFC DEFENSE—Jim Wilks, defensive end, New Orleans
Wilks had five tackles, including 2½ sacks of Jeff Rutledge, as the Saints stifled the New York Giants 23-14.

QUOTE

MARV RUBIN

Eagles tackle **Joe Conwell**, explaining his team's 31-19 loss to St. Louis four days before Thanksgiving:

"We played like a bunch of turkeys."

Slaughter and Gerald McNeil, Earnest Byner ran for two touchdowns, and Kevin Mack rushed for 114 yards and another touchdown.

"I'm embarrassed," Moon said. "It was humiliating the way we lost."

New Orleans, another upstart, rolled on, however. The Saints won their fourth game in a row, longest streak in the team's history, stopping the New York Giants 23-14 in the Louisiana Superdome.

The Saints forced seven turnovers and blocked a punt as their defense and special teams set up a touchdown and three field goals. They intercepted Jeff Rutledge five times, two of them by rookie safety Gene Atkins, and sacked him five times. New Orleans took the lead for good on Bobby Hebert's 22-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown pass to wide receiver Eric Martin after cornerback Dave Waymer recovered a fumble at the Giants' 27.

The Rams won their second successive game, surprising NFC East leader Washington 30-26 in the nation's capital. Charles White continued to rank as the NFL rushing leader by running for 112 yards and a touchdown, and the Rams' defense and special teams scored or set up three touchdowns. Wide receiver Ron Brown returned a kickoff 95 yards for one score and caught a 26-yard pass from quarterback Jim Everett for another.

In Los Angeles, John Elway passed for 298 yards and a touchdown and sneaked a yard for a score to lead Denver past the Raiders 23-17—the Raiders' seventh loss in a row.

MICHAEL HEINZ

Cincinnati's Boomer Esiason passed for 409 yards, but the slumping Bengals lost to Pittsburgh anyway, 30-16.

DAVID BOSS

Vance Johnson caught five passes for 115 yards and this touchdown as the Broncos beat the Raiders 23-17.

Denver wide receiver Vance Johnson had five catches for 115 yards and a touchdown, and the Broncos' defense sacked Marc Wilson six times.

Raiders running back Bo Jackson, playing in his fourth game since reporting from baseball's Kansas City Royals, also made a big play.

Bo started right with a pitchout, then reversed his field and bolted 35 yards down the sideline to score, running over cornerback Mike Harden and diving for his first NFL touchdown. In all, Jackson ran for 98 yards and scored twice.

"He's a unique guy with a combination of speed and power," Harden said.

In Cincinnati, Boomer Esiason passed for 409 yards, but the floundering Bengals lost to Pittsburgh 30-16, their sixth home defeat in a row.

The Steelers' Mark Malone celebrated his twenty-ninth birthday by throwing a touchdown pass and running 42 yards for another score. On defense, Pittsburgh forced five turnovers, including rookie cornerback Rod Woodson's first NFL interception, which he returned 45 yards for a touchdown.

In Minneapolis, Leo Lewis, the smallest Viking (5-8, 170), returned a punt 78 yards for a touchdown to lead Minnesota past Atlanta 24-13.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Buffalo	5	5	0
Indianapolis	5	5	0
Miami	5	5	0
New England	5	5	0
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	7	3	0
Houston	6	4	0
Pittsburgh	6	4	0
Cincinnati	3	7	0
AFC West			
San Diego	8	2	0
Seattle	7	3	0
Denver	6	3	1
L.A. Raiders	3	7	0
Kansas City	1	9	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	7	3	0
Dallas	5	5	0
Philadelphia	4	6	0
St. Louis	4	6	0
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	8	2	0
Minnesota	6	4	0
Green Bay	4	5	1
Tampa Bay	4	6	0
Detroit	2	8	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	8	2	0
New Orleans	7	3	0
L.A. Rams	3	7	0
Atlanta	2	8	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 17, N.Y. Jets 14
Cleveland 40, Houston 7
Denver 23, L.A. Raiders 17
New England 24, Indianapolis 0
Pittsburgh 30, Cincinnati 16
Seattle 34, San Diego 3
NFC
Chicago 30, Detroit 10
L.A. Rams 30, Washington 26
Minnesota 24, Atlanta 13
New Orleans 23, N.Y. Giants 14
St. Louis 31, Philadelphia 19
San Francisco 24, Tampa Bay 10
Interconference
Green Bay 23, Kansas City 3
Miami 20, Dallas 14

RENAISSANCE IN BUFFALO

JIM TURNER

Linebacker Cornelius Bennett (55) leads Bills' defense

After 10 weeks of the season, the Buffalo Bills were tied for first place in the AFC East.

Well, okay, so were four other teams, because everyone in the division had a 5-5 record. But whatever you think of 5-5, it's certainly a far cry from 1984 and 1985 when Buffalo had the poorest record in the NFL with successive 2-14 seasons.

The Bills added an offense in 1986 when they signed Jim Kelly, and now they've added a defense.

The final cog was outside linebacker Cornelius Bennett from Alabama, the second overall pick in the draft, who came to Buffalo in the three-team trade that sent Eric Dickerson from the Rams to Indianapolis. The Colts drafted Bennett, but were unable to sign him.

When Bennett came to Buffalo, another 1987 first-round pick, Shane Conlan of Penn State (the eighth pick overall), moved from outside linebacker to the inside to make room for him. In Bennett's first three games, Buffalo upset Denver and the New York Jets and lost to Cleveland by six points.

"He certainly makes it easier for the whole defense," said Conlan, after the two combined for 17 tackles in the 17-14 victory over the Jets.

Conlan had 12 of the 17 tackles, but Bennett had 1½ sacks and applied constant pressure to Jets quarterback Ken O'Brien.

"My job is to be in his face and I'm happy I can do it," he said.

Also assaulting O'Brien was end Bruce Smith, the Bills' first-round pick in 1985. Smith, who had five tackles and 1½ sacks himself, tied for second in the AFC in 1986 with 15 sacks. He had eight in seven games this year.

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1987 REPLAY

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ROOKIE RUNNING BACK Bo Jackson of the Los Angeles Raiders has remained mysterious about his career ever since he joined the team midway through the 1987 season. How long will he continue to split time between baseball and football? And which sport will he finally choose?

Give the Seattle Seahawks a vote, and they would choose baseball.

On his twenty-fifth birthday, Jackson, who also is an outfielder for the Kansas City Royals, devastated the Seahawks with 221 yards rushing on 18 carries and scored three touchdowns in a shocking 37-14 Raiders victory.

It was shocking because Los Angeles had lost seven games in a row, had lost five straight at Seattle, and had been outscored 70-3 in the Kingdome in 1985-86.

And it was shocking because Jackson made it look so easy.

He had 202 of those yards on his first 11 carries—before the Raiders turned conservative and ran him inside.

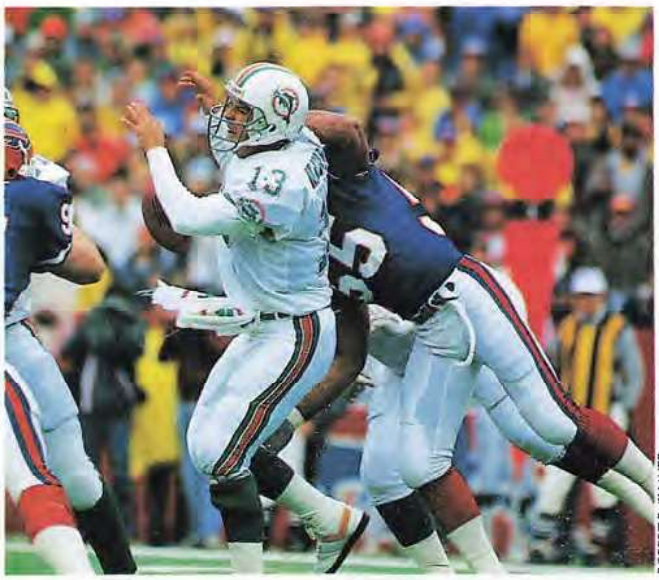
Before that, he streaked 91 yards down the left sideline for the longest touchdown run in Raiders history, caught a 14-yard scoring pass from Marc Wilson, and carried linebacker Brian Bosworth into the end zone on a two-yard scoring run. He set up his last touchdown with a 42-yard run.

"He's awesome. . . he's just awesome," Raiders linebacker Rod Martin said. "I mean, with the talent he has, I don't know why he'd be looking for a curveball to hit."

Jackson and his teammates were the ones doing most of the hitting, outgaining Seattle 507-167. Marcus Allen chipped in with 76 rushing yards and threw the block that sprang Jackson on the 91-yard run. Wilson threw two touchdown passes, including a 46-yard bomb to James Lofton.

There was another surprising game in week 12, and it took place in the NFL's strangest division, the AFC East, where the Bills, Colts, and Jets all are tied for first place. Buffalo stayed on top by shutting out Miami 27-0.

It was the first time the Dolphins had been blanked since 1982, when Dan Marino was



ROBERT B. SHAVER

Harassed all day by linebacker Cornelius Bennett (55), Dan Marino and Miami were shut out by Buffalo 27-0.

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Denver 31, San Diego 17
Indianapolis 51, Houston 27
L.A. Raiders 37, Seattle 14
N.Y. Jets 27, Cincinnati 20
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Minnesota 44, Dallas 38 (OT)
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Philadelphia 34, New England 31 (OT)
San Francisco 38, Cleveland 24

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JON HAYT

AFC offense: Bo Jackson

ARTHUR ANDERSON

NFC offense: Joe Montana

AFC OFFENSE—Bo Jackson, running back, L.A. Raiders
Jackson rushed for a club-record 221 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead the Raiders to a 37-14 rout of Seattle. Included in Jackson's outburst was a 91-yard touchdown run, longest in Raiders history.

AFC DEFENSE—The Buffalo Defense
The Bills overpowered Miami 27-0 as linebacker Scott Radecic, cornerback Derrick Burroughs, and safety Mark Kelso each intercepted a pass to set up a touchdown and two field goals. Linebacker Shane Conlan had nine tackles, and linebacker Cornelius Bennett had eight, including a sack and a forced fumble.

NFC OFFENSE—Joe Montana, quarterback, San Francisco
Montana passed for 342 yards and four touchdowns (three to Jerry Rice) and led all rushers with 43 yards as the 49ers stopped Cleveland 38-24. With four games to go, Montana led the NFL with 27 touchdown passes, and Rice led with 14 touchdown catches.

NFC DEFENSE—Al Harris, defensive end, Chicago
Harris blocked two field goals, made six tackles (including a sack), and saved a touchdown with a diving end-zone pass deflection in the Bears' 23-10 defeat of Green Bay.

a senior in college, and it snapped Marino's consecutive-game touchdown-pass streak at 30.

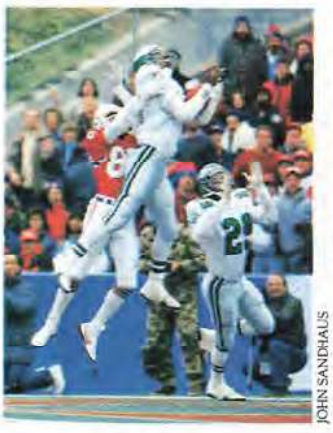
"Never in my wildest dreams did I think we would come away with a shutout," Bills coach Marv Levy said.

While the defense didn't let Miami get past the Bills' 24-yard line, quarterback Jim Kelly threw two touchdown passes, and Ronnie Harmon ran for 119 yards.

Meanwhile, the Colts dazzled Houston 51-27 in Indianapolis behind running backs Eric Dickerson and Albert Bentley. Dickerson ran for 136 yards and two touchdowns, giving him four successive 100-yard games, a team record. Bentley ran for 64 yards and caught 72- and 22-yard touchdown passes from Gary Hogeboom, who suffered a dislocated shoulder.

The Jets remained tied with the Bills and Colts on a late touchdown that stunned luckless Cincinnati 27-20. The two teams were tied 20-20, when the Bengals' Jim Breech lined up to attempt a 46-yard game-winning field goal.

But the kick was blocked by defensive end Barry Bennett, and the ball popped right into the hands of Jets safety Rich Miano, who returned it 67 yards for the winning touchdown with 1:48 left.



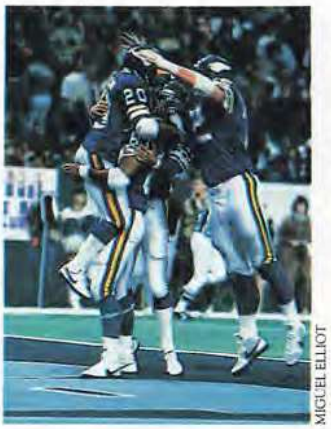
JOHN SANDHAUS

Cornerback Elbert Foules made a leaping interception in the Eagles' 34-31 overtime victory at New England.

It was the fourth time the Bengals had lost in the last two minutes, and head coach Sam Wyche was stunned.

"My insides are slowly eroding," he said.

The Eagles won another wild game, prevailing at New England 34-31 on Paul McFadden's 38-yard field goal with 2:44 left in overtime.



MIGUEL ELLIOT

The Vikings mobbed Darrin Nelson (20) in the end zone after his 24-yard touchdown run stopped Dallas in overtime.

Linebacker Garry Cobb set up the winning kick by recovering Mosi Tatupu's fumble on the Patriots' 30.

New England, now 0-10 in overtime games, blew two chances to win when Tony Franklin missed a 31-yard field goal with five seconds left in regulation and a 46-yarder with 9:59 to go in overtime. Patriots quarterback Tom Ramsey passed for 402 yards and three touchdowns.

On Thanksgiving Day at Dallas, the Vikings stayed in the playoff race with a 44-38 overtime defeat of the Cowboys. Darrin Nelson won the game with a 24-yard touchdown run on which he broke three tackles. In all, Nelson rushed for 118 yards, caught five passes for 43 more, and also had a 52-yard touchdown run.

The loss ruined a five-touchdown day for Danny White of Dallas, who passed for four (three to Mike Renfro) and ran for one.

In Pittsburgh, the Saints won their fifth game in a row and clinched their first winning season with a 20-16 defeat of the Steelers.

The New Orleans defense set up 13 points with six turnovers and a blocked punt by safety Johnnie Poe, and stopped the Steelers twice inside the 5 late in the game.

QUOTE

MARV RUBIN

Buffalo coach **Marv Levy**, whose team was next for the Raiders and Bo Jackson, asked what he thought of Jackson's 221-yard game against Seattle:

"I slept with the lights on that night."

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S AN ELWAY

KEVIN REECE

On a holiday weekend, when six NFL quarterbacks passed for three or more touchdowns, Denver wide receiver Vance Johnson spoke up for his guy.

"John Elway is the best quarterback in the league," Johnson said. "He has all the confidence in the world."

The confident Elway, who led the Broncos to Super Bowl XXI, certainly was on a roll. In successive victories over the Bears, Raiders, and Chargers, Elway passed for a total of 986 yards and seven touchdowns and ran for another 100 yards on 18 carries, scoring once on a sneak.

He moved Denver to within half a game of the Chargers in the AFC West by throwing three touchdown passes (to Johnson, wide receiver Ricky Nattiel, and fullback Gene Lang) in the Broncos' 31-17 victory in San Diego.

And he showed his confidence by rebounding from San Diego safety Vencie Glenn's 103-yard, first-quarter interception return for a touchdown, the longest in NFL history.

On third-down plays against the Chargers, Elway was almost superhuman. He completed seven of eight passes for five first downs and two touchdowns and ran four times for three more first downs. That's a 10-of-12 success rate for eight first downs and two touchdowns.

"If he's not the NFL's MVP, I don't know who is," Broncos head coach Dan Reeves said. "We depend on him more than anyone else depends on any other player. And he comes up with big play after big play."

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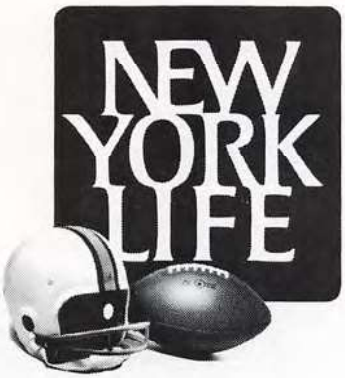

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1987 WEEK 13 REPLAY

DECEMBER 6

THREE WEEKS BEFORE the end of the season, the NFC playoff-race picture was as clear as a sunny-day view from the Golden Gate Bridge.

The Bears and Redskins clinched division titles in the Central and Eastern Divisions, while the 49ers and Saints, who were surging in the West, also wrapped up playoff berths. The Saints were guaranteed their first postseason trip in the 21-year history of the franchise.

Only the fifth playoff spot was up for grabs in the NFC, and the Vikings had a leg up on that one with a two-game lead over their nearest foe.

Conversely, nothing was determined in the AFC, where the races were so close you might as well draw the names out of a hat. Of the 14 teams, 12 had playoff possibilities.

In Minneapolis, Chicago shrugged off the fourth-quarter loss of quarterback Jim McMahon, made a great goal-line stand, ignored a boisterous Metrodome crowd, and rallied to defeat division rival Minnesota 30-24. The victory gave the Bears four successive division titles under head coach Mike Ditka.

Minnesota gained its momentum when quarterback Wade Wilson replaced injured Tommy Kramer late in the first half. Wilson threw three touchdown passes, including 60- and 35-yard bombs to Anthony Carter, to vault the Vikings ahead 24-20 in the fourth quarter.

But the Bears, who had built a 20-7 early lead on McMahon's two touchdown passes to Willie Gault, cut Minnesota's advantage to 24-23 on Kevin Butler's third-quarter field goal. And then they made a marvelous defensive effort at their own goal line. The Vikings had first-and-goal on the Bears' 1. Four runs later, Minnesota wound up on the 5 with 4:57 left.

Then, with just 40 seconds left, Bears backup quarterback Mike Tomczak threw a short pass to wide receiver Dennis Gentry, who eluded two tacklers and went 38 yards for the winning touchdown.

"I had a funny feeling I'd have a part in this game," Tomczak said.

In Green Bay, 49ers quarterback Joe Montana completed his first 17 passes to set an NFL record of 22 in a row, and San Francisco downed the Packers 23-12.

"Montana is a great player, one of the greatest who has played this game," 49ers head coach Bill Walsh said.

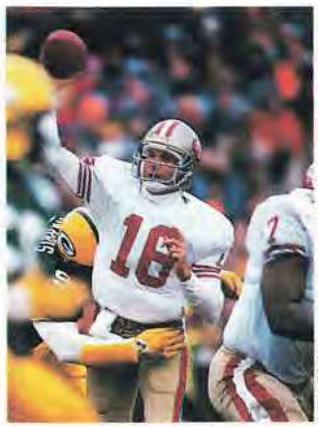
Montana passed for 308 yards and two touchdowns, and ran 10 yards on a quarterback draw for another score. His 57-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Rice with 7:32 left iced the game. It was the tenth successive game in which Rice had caught a touchdown pass—one short of the NFL record shared by Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch and Buddy Dial.

Safety Ronnie Lott helped out by intercepting two passes, one at San Francisco's 9-yard line in the fourth quarter.

In St. Louis, the Redskins wrapped up their fourth division title in seven years under head coach Joe Gibbs with a

DAVID BOSS

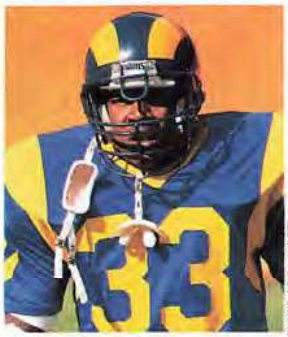
Bo Jackson caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Marc Wilson as the Raiders outscored the Bills 34-21.



RON VESELY

The 49ers' Joe Montana completed his first 17 passes against Green Bay to set an NFL record of 22 in a row.

A RUSHING LEADER BY ANY OTHER NAME...



PETER BROUILLET

As usual, the NFL's leading rusher played for the Los Angeles Rams. But it wasn't Eric Dickerson.

Dickerson topped the league in three of his four years with the Rams, but he was traded to Indianapolis early this season after a contract dispute. That left the backfield wide open for Charles White, and Dickerson's ex-backup was having the best season of his pro career.

After the Rams' 37-16 defeat of Detroit, White led the NFL with 1,054 yards, which was 96 more than Dickerson. White had run for eight touchdowns, four more than Dickerson, and his average per carry was virtually the same, 4.3 to 4.4. He also had six 100-yard games, including four in a row—all Rams victories.

In six previous NFL seasons, White's best rushing total was only 342 yards. His *career* rushing total was 1,378.

"When he stepped in, we knew he'd do the job," Rams guard Tom Newberry said. "There was never, ever a doubt in my mind."

Guard Dennis Harrah said the offensive line had great motivation: "We'd like to see Charlie win the rushing title."

What did White, whose pro career never quite jelled after his 1979 Heisman Trophy season at USC, think of his chances of leading the league in rushing?

"The offensive line will win the rushing title," he said. "I just want to win [games]. I'm not paying that much attention. I'm just happy to be here."

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AFC West			
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San Diego	8	4	0
Seattle	7	5	0
L.A. Raiders	5	7	0
Kansas City	2	10	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	9	3	0
Dallas	5	7	0
Philadelphia	5	7	0
St. Louis	5	7	0
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SCORES

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Cincinnati 30, Kansas City 27 (OT)
Denver 31, New England 20
Houston 33, San Diego 18
Indianapolis 9, Cleveland 7
L.A. Raiders 34, Buffalo 21
Miami 37, N.Y. Jets 28
Pittsburgh 13, Seattle 9
NFC
Atlanta 21, Dallas 10
Chicago 30, Minnesota 24
L.A. Rams 37, Detroit 16
New Orleans 44, Tampa Bay 34
N.Y. Giants 23, Philadelphia 20 (OT)
San Francisco 23, Green Bay 12
Washington 34, St. Louis 17

come-from-behind 34-17 defeat of the Cardinals.

St. Louis led 17-10 in the third quarter, but the Redskins scored three touchdowns in 5:48 to break it open. Quarterback Jay Schroeder ran for one touchdown, passed for another, and handed off to George Rogers for a third. Rogers rushed for 133 yards, while Schroeder threw one more scoring pass—a perfect 84-yard strike to Gary Clark.

History was made in New Orleans, where the Saints took a 38-10 third-quarter lead over Tampa Bay and coasted to a 44-34 win to finally make the playoffs. It was their sixth win in a row.

"You bet we're a playoff team," said New Orleans head coach Jim Mora. "Our guys are happy they achieved the playoffs, but their attitude is they're not done yet. They want more."

T.G. HIGGINS

Lionel Manuel missed this pass, but the Giants stopped the Eagles in overtime.

The Saints seized a quick 14-0 lead when Tampa Bay quarterback Vinny Testaverde, in his first start, lost fumbles on his team's third and fourth plays. The Saints' Bobby Hebert followed up each miscue with touchdown passes to tight end John Tice.

Despite the loss, Testaverde gave Tampa Bay hope for the future by passing for 369 yards, the most ever by an NFL rookie. Wide receiver Mark Carrier, another rookie, caught eight passes for a team-record 212 yards and a touchdown.

Indianapolis posted the week's biggest surprise, stopping the Browns 9-7 in Cleveland to claim sole possession of first place in the AFC East. Dean Biasucci, 20 of 23 this season as a field-goal kicker, connected from 33, 37, and 41 yards to account for all the Colts' scoring.

Trailing 9-7 in the fourth quarter, Cleveland had a first-and-goal at the Indianapolis 5, but Earnest Byner fumbled, and Colts safety Mike Prior recovered at the 4.

"I let the guys down," Byner said. "I'm hurting. I just have to go home and try to forget about it."

The Browns fell into a three-way tie for first in the AFC Central Division with Pittsburgh and Houston.

In Pittsburgh, the Steelers rushed for 209 yards, including 106 by Frank Pollard, and stopped Seattle 13-9. Trailing 9-6, Pittsburgh drove 81 yards for the winning touchdown, which Pollard scored on an 11-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The Oilers also won at home, clubbing the Chargers 33-18. It was San Diego's third consecutive loss after an eight-game winning streak. Houston's defense set up two touchdowns and a field goal by recovering three fumbles, two by Chargers quarterback Dan Fouts on sacks.

Linebacker Robert Lyles ran 55 yards for a touchdown with Fouts's first fumble, and Houston quarterback Warren Moon ran three yards to climax a short drive after the second.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DAMIAN STROHMEYER

AFC defense: Mecklenburg

MALCOLM EMMONS

NFC defense: Carl Banks.

AFC OFFENSE—Boomer Esiason, quarterback, Cincinnati
Esiason passed for 368 yards and two touchdowns and directed the winning 79-yard drive in overtime as the Bengals defeated Kansas City 30-27. Jim Breech's 32-yard field goal won the game.

AFC DEFENSE—Karl Mecklenburg, linebacker, Denver
Mecklenburg made nine tackles and intercepted two passes as Denver took the lead in the AFC West with a 31-20 defeat of New England. His first interception set up the touchdown that tied the game at 17-17 in the third quarter.

NFC OFFENSE—Jim Everett, quarterback, Los Angeles Rams
Everett completed 20 of 26 passes for two touchdowns and a career-high 324 yards as the Rams overpowered Detroit 37-16. Henry Ellard caught seven of Everett's passes for 171 yards and a touchdown.

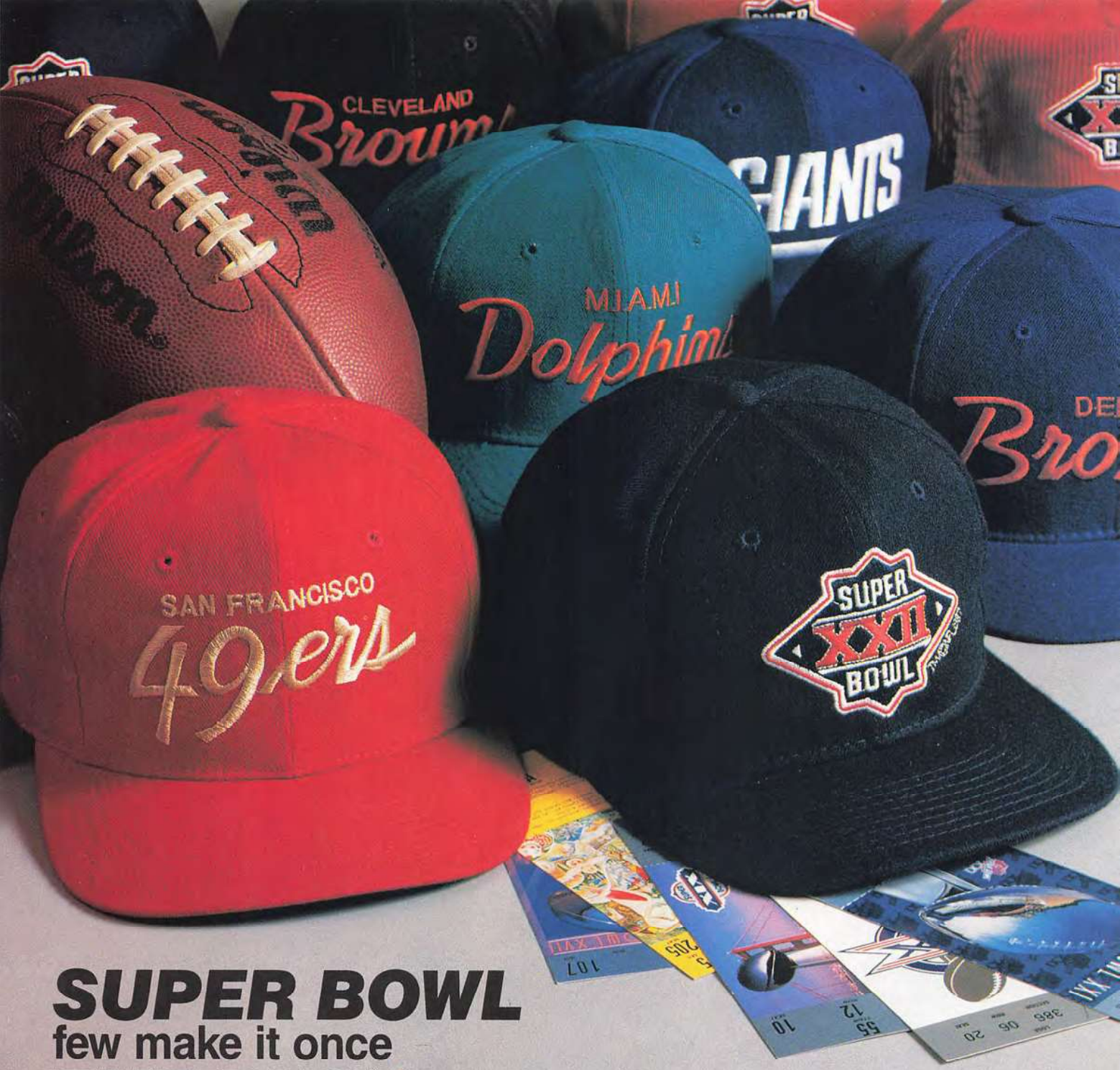
NFC DEFENSE—Carl Banks, linebacker, New York Giants
Banks had eight tackles, including 2½ sacks, and deflected a pass, as the Giants defeated the Eagles 23-20 on Raul Allegre's 28-yard field goal in overtime.

QUOTE

Safety **Robert Moore**, who recovered two Dallas fumbles, scoring a touchdown with one and setting up another in Atlanta's 21-10 victory:

"The ball just kept finding me."

MARV RUBIN



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It was one of those games that belonged in the Twilight Zone.

The Chicago Bears were 10-2, the San Francisco 49ers were 10-2, and when they met in Candlestick Park, it was billed as a preview of the NFC Championship Game.

The Bears sure hoped not.

Operating without Joe Montana, who was sidelined in the first quarter with a pulled hamstring, the 49ers still did everything right and shocked the Bears, who did everything wrong, 41-0.

"We're not America's Team, the Monsters of the Midway, or the darlings of the networks, but we are a good, solid team and we'll make a run at it this year," 49ers head coach Bill Walsh said.

Chicago's head coach Mike Ditka, whose regulars had gone 40-5 in their last 45 games, was stunned.

"You always wonder what it feels like to be on the other end of 41-0," Ditka said. "It doesn't feel very good."

The Bears played without Jim McMahon, who was nursing a pulled hamstring of his own, and they obviously missed him much more than the 49ers missed Montana. Chicago backup Mike Tomczak threw four interceptions in the first half, two of which killed drives, and two of which set up 10 points. The Bears also lost two fumbles in the first half, one by Walter Payton that set up a field goal. Meanwhile, Steve Young, who replaced Montana, threw four touchdown passes in the game, three to Jerry Rice, and ran for 43 yards.

Rice's three scoring catches (1, 16, and 2 yards) enabled him to tie two NFL records. It was the eleventh successive game in which he had caught a touchdown pass, equaling the Rams' Elroy Hirsch,

GEORGE ROSE

Steve Young threw four touchdown passes and ran for 43 yards in the 49ers' startling rout of the Bears.

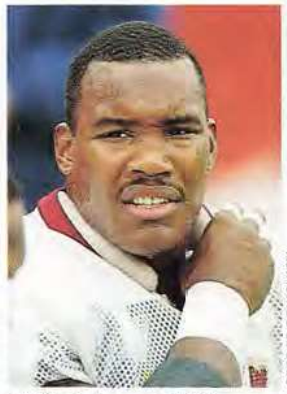
CHARLES AQUA VIVA

Frank Pollard ran for a touchdown as the Steelers handed the Chargers their fourth consecutive loss.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MICHAEL HEINZ

AFC offense: B. Kosar



GEORGE GOJKOVICH

NFC defense: C. Mann

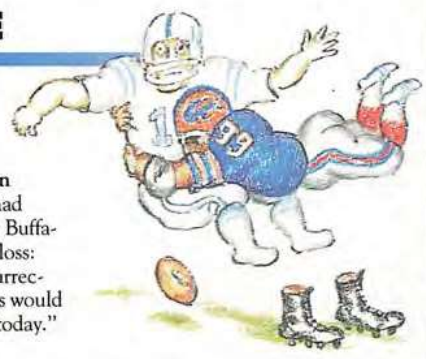
AFC OFFENSE—Bernie Kosar, quarterback, Cleveland
Kosar threw four touchdown passes—two to Webster Slaughter, one to Kevin Mack, and one to Derek Tennell—as the Browns overpowered the Bengals 38-24. Mack also ran for 133 yards and another touchdown.

AFC DEFENSE—Bruce Smith, end, Buffalo
Smith had five tackles, including three sacks, three pressures, a forced fumble, and a touchdown, in the Bills' 27-3 victory over the Colts. His fourth-quarter sack of quarterback Sean Salisbury caused an end-zone fumble, which Smith recovered for the first touchdown of his career.

NFC OFFENSE—Bobby Hebert, quarterback, New Orleans
Hebert passed for three touchdowns, all in the first half, as the Saints rolled past Houston 24-10 for their seventh win in a row. He teamed up with Eric Martin on 54- and 7-yard scoring plays and threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Lonzell Hill.

NFC DEFENSE—Charles Mann, end, Washington
Mann had five tackles, including two sacks, and six pressures, in Washington's 24-20 triumph over Dallas.

QUOTE



MARV RUBIN

Colts head coach **Ron Meyer,** whose team had been overpowered by Buffalo's defense in a 27-3 loss:

"I'm not sure a resurrection of Johnny Unitas would have done any good today."

(1950-51) and the Steelers' Buddy Dial (1959-1960), and it gave him 18 touchdown receptions this season (tying Miami's Mark Clayton, 1984).

For a little more Christmas cheer, the 49ers also got an 83-yard punt-return touchdown from Dana McLemore.

Fortunately for the Bears, they already had clinched the NFC Central title, but Minnesota, second in the division, stumbled in its drive to grab a wild-card spot, losing 16-10 to the Packers in Milwaukee.

The score was tied 10-10 in the fourth quarter when the Packers drove 72 yards for the winning touchdown, which Kenneth Davis scored on a seven-yard run with 1:09 left. Randy Wright, who started the winning drive with a 33-yard pass to tight end Ed West, also set up Green Bay's first touchdown with a 40-yard strike to West.

"We didn't play like a playoff team," Vikings head coach Jerry Burns said.

Seattle stayed in contention for the AFC West title by snapping Denver's four-game winning streak, 28-21 over the division-leading Broncos in the Kingdome.

The Seahawks sacked John Elway five times, while Dave Krieg completed 23 of 33 passes for three touchdowns, two of them to Ray Butler.

The score was tied 14-14 in the third quarter, when Krieg handed the ball to Curt Warner, who reversed it to wide receiver Steve Largent, who then pitched it back to Krieg. Krieg threw the ball to Butler for the 40-yard touchdown that gave the Seahawks a permanent lead.

In Indianapolis, the Bills created a three-way tie for first in the AFC East by trapping Eric Dickerson and the Colts 27-3.

The Buffalo defense forced six turnovers, including two interceptions by safety Mark Kelso. The Bills held Dickerson to a career-low 19 yards rushing (11 carries), and limited the Colts to 130 total yards and nine first downs.

On offense, Jim Kelly threw two touchdown passes, while Ronnie Harmon, who caught one of them, and rookie Jamie Mueller ran for 85 and 81 yards, respectively.

"If our defense plays the way it played today, we can be Super Bowl-bound," Kelly said.

Miami pulled into a first-place tie with the Bills and Colts by rolling past the Eagles in Philadelphia 28-10. Dan Marino was sacked twice on the first series, but he retreated to the Shotgun much of the rest of the way and bombed the Eagles with 376 yards and three touchdown passes, two to Mark Clayton.

In San Diego, the Steelers remained in a first-place tie in the AFC Central Division as they rallied to edge the Chargers 20-16, San Diego's fourth loss in a row.

The Chargers outgained Pittsburgh 435-254 and had 13 more first downs. They also lost four fumbles, missed three field goals, lost a touchdown because of a penalty, and threw an interception.

The Rams remained one of the hottest teams in the league. Los Angeles ran and passed for 494 yards, held the ball for more than 40 minutes, and blanked Atlanta 33-0 in Anaheim. It was the Rams' fifth win in a row.

Charles White lengthened his NFL rushing lead by running for 159 yards and two touchdowns—his fifth successive 100-yard game. On defense, cornerback LeRoy Irvin, whose number is 47, returned an interception 47 yards for a touchdown.

In St. Louis, the Cardinals won their third game in four weeks as they took a 27-10 halftime lead and held off the New York Giants 27-24. Vai Sikahema returned a punt 76 yards for one touchdown and set up another with a 48-yard kickoff return. Stump Mitchell ran for 111 yards.

HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF IN NEW ENGLAND? G-R-O-G-A-N

RON WYATT

On a day the Patriots overpowered the Jets 42-20, New England linebacker Steve Nelson, in his fourteenth year, was honored before the game. He's retiring after the season.

After the game, quarterback Steve Grogan, who is in his thirteenth season himself, was asked if he might retire in the near future.

"I don't have any plans to retire soon," Grogan said. "When you go out and have fun like today and get the job done, it kind of washes those thoughts out of your mind."

Grogan's idea of having fun was to bomb the Jets with four touchdown passes in the first half for a 35-6 lead at intermission. For variety, he got the fifth touchdown on a two-yard run.

It was a typical performance by Grogan. He had missed the three previous games with a separated left shoulder, but he doesn't need much time to get back in the groove.

Grogan came off the bench to relieve injured starter Tony Eason in the final game of the 1986 season against Miami, passing for two touchdowns and running for a third to lead the Patriots to the victory that clinched the AFC East title.

A starter most of the time from 1976 through 1983, the 34-year-old Grogan has become a relief specialist in recent years. He starts or comes in from the sideline when Eason gets hurt (Eason was knocked out for the season with a separated shoulder in his passing arm on November 1). In relief of Eason, Grogan has a 10-1 record.

Three of the Jets' top four cornerbacks were out with injuries, and Grogan, the old pro, got rich throwing to his wide receivers. Cedric Jones caught two touchdown passes, and Irving Fryar and Stephen Starring each caught one.

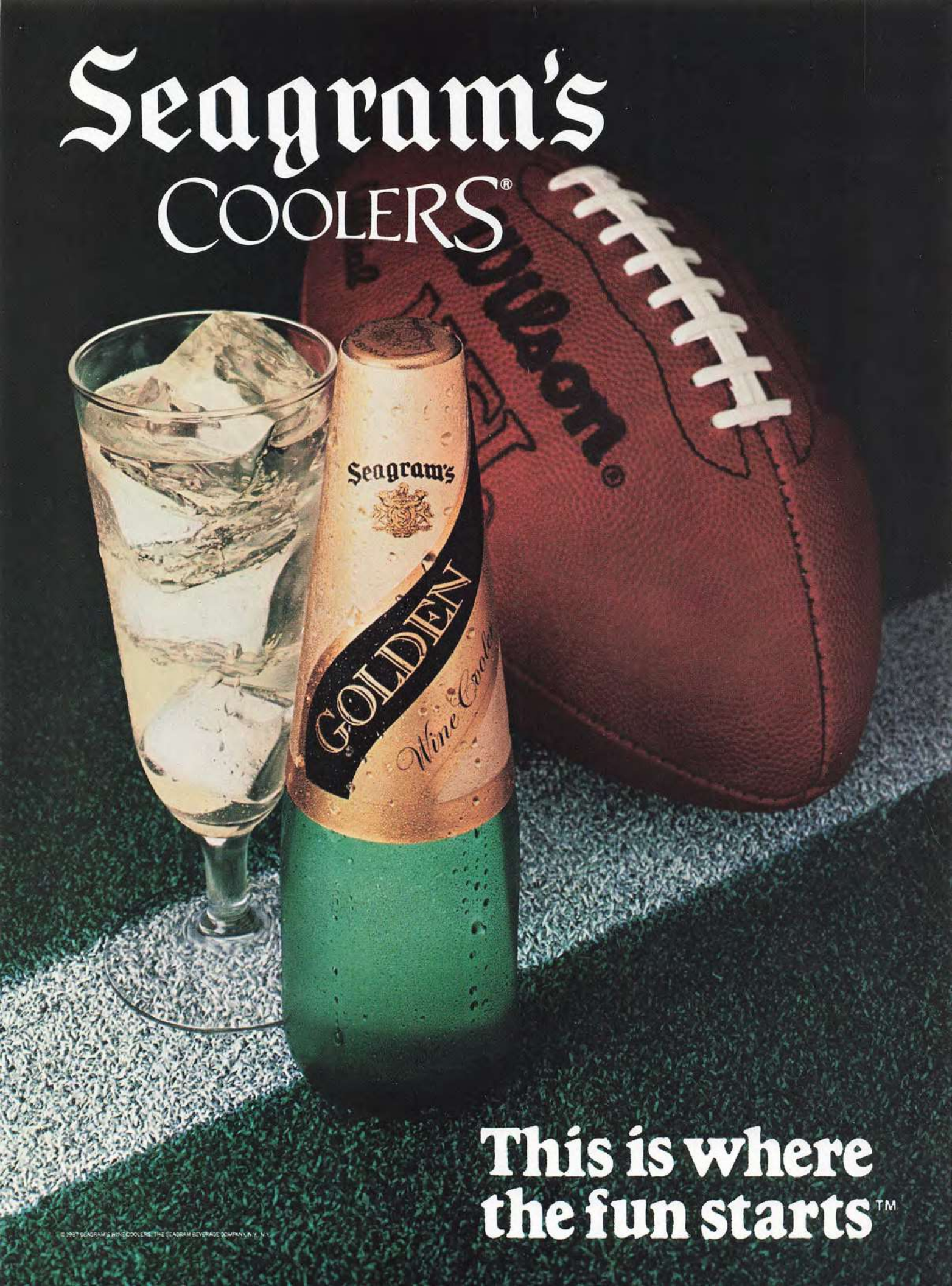
STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Buffalo	7	6	0
Indianapolis	7	6	0
Miami	7	6	0
New England	6	7	0
N.Y. Jets	6	7	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	8	5	0
Pittsburgh	8	5	0
Houston	7	6	0
Cincinnati	4	9	0
AFC West			
Denver	8	4	1
San Diego	8	5	0
Seattle	8	5	0
L.A. Raiders	5	8	0
Kansas City	3	10	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	10	3	0
St. Louis	6	7	0
Dallas	5	8	0
Philadelphia	5	8	0
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	10	3	0
Minnesota	7	6	0
Green Bay	5	7	1
Tampa Bay	4	9	0
Detroit	3	10	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	11	2	0
New Orleans	10	3	0
L.A. Rams	6	7	0
Atlanta	3	10	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 3
Cleveland 38, Cincinnati 24
Kansas City 16, L.A. Raiders 10
New England 42, N.Y. Jets 20
Pittsburgh 20, San Diego 16
Seattle 28, Denver 21
NFC
Detroit 20, Tampa Bay 10
Green Bay 16, Minnesota 10
L.A. Rams 33, Atlanta 0
St. Louis 27, N.Y. Giants 24
San Francisco 41, Chicago 0
Washington 24, Dallas 20
Interconference
Miami 28, Philadelphia 10
New Orleans 24, Houston 10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WHEN KANSAS CITY'S Nick Lowery, the second-most accurate field-goal kicker in NFL history, lined up for a 37-yard attempt in the last minute, Denver running back Sammy Winder shut his eyes.

"I couldn't bear to look at it," Winder said.

The Broncos, fighting for a playoff spot and leading the Chiefs 20-17, were fully prepared to play an overtime.

But Lowery missed with 34 seconds left, and Denver, getting an early Christmas present, became the first AFC team to qualify for postseason play.

OWEN SHAW

Webster Slaughter caught seven passes against the Raiders as the Browns clinched a playoff spot with a 24-17 victory.

BRUCE DIERDORFF

Chicago honored Walter Payton before his last home game.

"The good Lord smiled on us," Denver head coach Dan Reeves said.

Divine intervention wasn't needed in Los Angeles, where the Cleveland Browns dominated the Raiders most of the way and defeated them 24-17 to join Denver in the AFC playoffs. But with just one week left in the season, four of the league's 10 playoff berths still were available.

Minnesota and St. Louis were chasing the last spot in the NFC, while in the AFC, a crowd—Houston, Indianapolis, Miami, Pittsburgh, New England, Seattle, and San Diego—was contending for the remaining three spots. Four of the six division races also were undecided.

In Denver, the Broncos took a 17-3 halftime lead over Kansas City on the running and catching of Winder, who rushed for 98 yards and caught an eight-yard touchdown pass from John Elway. But the Chiefs staged a two-touchdown second-half rally, sparked by Herman Heard's 64-yard scoring run, to give Lowery his chance to send the game into overtime.

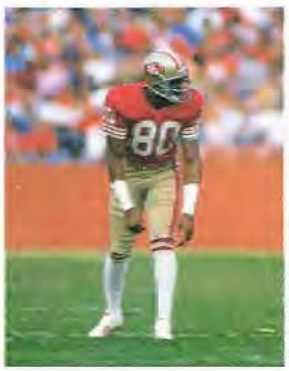
While the Broncos held first place in the AFC West, the Browns remained in first in the Central Division as Bernie Kosar directed their victory over the Raiders.

Kosar, who was sacked six times by the Raiders in 1986, frustrated Los Angeles this time by getting the ball off in the blink of an eye for 294 yards and two touchdowns. He never was sacked.

Earnest Byner caught one of those scoring passes, ran 15 yards for another touchdown, and broke off a 21-yard run for a first down to help the Browns run out the clock.

In Chicago, the Bears retired Walter Payton's jersey number before his final regular-season home game, then went out and lost their second game in a row for the first time

FAST-COOKING RICE



GREG TROTT

No pass receiver in history has had a year to match the 49ers' Jerry Rice in 1987.

As San Francisco roared to its twelfth win in 14 games, a 35-7 defeat of Atlanta, Rice scored three more touchdowns, set two NFL records, and seemed impossible to stop.

He burned the Falcons on a five-yard reverse for the game's first touchdown, then caught 20- and 1-yard touchdown passes from quarterback Steve Young.

It ran Rice's streak of consecutive games with a touchdown catch to 12, breaking the mark of 11 he shared with the Los Angeles Rams' Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch and Pittsburgh's Buddy Dial, and it gave him 20 scoring receptions this season, breaking the mark of 18 he shared with Miami's Mark Clayton.

The 20 touchdown catches came in only 11 games, because Rice lost four others as a result of the strike. In 1984, Clayton played in 15 games."I think his records are fantastic," 49ers center Randy Cross said, "but we'd get more excited if he was more excited. He has so much talent and just seems to take things in stride."

Rice, 25, playing only his third year, was typically low key after the game, but did say he was saving the game ball for his six-month-old daughter.

"I'm going to take it home and one day my little girl will be able to look it over and say, 'My daddy, he did a great job. He broke some records and I really admire him,' " Rice said. Rice shared the spotlight against the Falcons with Atlanta's Sylvester Stamps and San Francisco's Joe Cribbs, who returned back-to-back kickoffs for touchdowns of 97 and 92 yards, respectively, in the third quarter. It was only the third time in NFL history successive kickoffs had been returned for touchdowns.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Indianapolis	8	6	0
Miami	8	6	0
New England	7	7	0
Buffalo	7	7	0
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	9	5	0
Houston	8	6	0
Pittsburgh	8	6	0
Cincinnati	4	10	0
AFC West			
Denver	9	4	1
Seattle	9	5	0
San Diego	8	6	0
L.A. Raiders	5	9	0
Kansas City	3	11	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	10	4	0
St. Louis	7	7	0
Philadelphia	6	8	0
Dallas	6	8	0
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	10	4	0
Minnesota	8	6	0
Green Bay	5	8	1
Tampa Bay	4	10	0
Detroit	3	11	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	12	2	0
New Orleans	11	3	0
L.A. Rams	6	8	0
Atlanta	3	11	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 24, L.A. Raiders 17
Denver 20, Kansas City 17
Houston 24, Pittsburgh 16
Indianapolis 20, San Diego 7
New England 13, Buffalo 7

NFC
Dallas 29, L.A. Rams 21
Minnesota 17, Detroit 14
N.Y. Giants 20, Green Bay 10
St. Louis 31, Tampa Bay 14
San Francisco 35, Atlanta 7

Interconference
Miami 23, Washington 21
New Orleans 41, Cincinnati 24
Philadelphia 38, N.Y. Jets 27
Seattle 34, Chicago 21

since 1984, falling to Seattle 34-21. Payton ran for 79 yards and two touchdowns, and the Bears gained 437 yards in all, but ruined their chances with five turnovers.

Quarterback Mike Tomczak, substituting for injured Jim McMahon, threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles, and Neal Anderson lost another fumble. The three fumbles were recovered by linebackers Brian Bosworth (two) and Fredd Young to set up a touchdown and two field goals, and Seahawks fullback John L. Williams ran 75 yards to score with a screen pass.

"I don't know if we scare anybody anymore," Bears head coach Mike Ditka said. "In fact, we're playing scared ourselves."

A team that was not playing scared was New Orleans. The Saints fell behind the Bengals 24-3 in Cincinnati, lost quarterback Bobby Hebert with a sprained knee, then scored 38 successive points to whip the Bengals 41-24. It was their eighth win in a row.

Dave Wilson replaced Hebert and hit 9 of 15 passes, one for a touchdown, but he got a lot of help from the aggressive Saints defense. Fumble recoveries by linebackers Jim Wilks and Pat Swilling and an interception by cornerback Van Jakes set up three touchdowns, and the Saints also sacked Cincinnati quarterback Boomer Esiason six times. Dalton Hilliard and Buford Jordan each ran for two touchdowns.

MICHAEL HEINZ

Boomer Esiason led Cincinnati to a 24-3 lead over New Orleans, but the Saints rallied to win 41-24.

QUOTE

Tampa Bay head coach **Ray Perkins**, after the Buccaneers lost to St. Louis, their seventh defeat in a row:

"I'm mad as hell and trying not to create a scene."

MARV RUBIN

In the AFC East, Indianapolis moved to within a game of winning the division title with a 20-7 defeat of San Diego. It was the fifth loss in a row for the Chargers.

CHARLES AQUA VIVA

Dean Biasucci kicked two field goals as the Colts handed the Chargers their fifth loss in a row, 20-7.

The Colts led just 13-7 late in the game, but Eric Dickerson escaped on a 53-yard run to set up Albert Bentley's clinching three-yard touchdown run with 1:53 left. Dickerson rushed for 115 yards.

The Patriots stayed alive and eliminated the Bills with a tough 13-7 win at Buffalo in a game played in rain and wind gusts estimated at 40 to 50 miles an hour.

"The weather was worse than when they landed on Normandy," Buffalo head coach Marv Levy said.

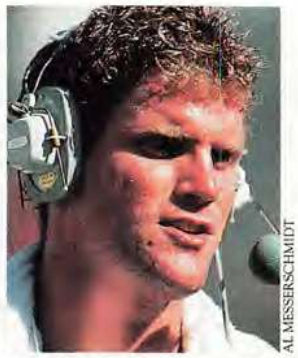
New England held the Bills to 148 yards and sacked quarterback Jim Kelly five times. The Patriots also snapped Kelly's 18-game touchdown-pass streak. On offense, Steve Grogan threw a touchdown pass to wide receiver Cedric Jones, and Reggie Dupard ran 36 yards for a score.

In Houston, the Oilers pulled into a second-place tie with Pittsburgh in the AFC Central by trimming the Steelers 24-16. Warren Moon threw 52- and 30-yard touchdown passes to Drew Hill, and safety Jeff Donaldson held off the Steelers with two fourth-quarter interceptions.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

RON VESELY

AFC defense: B. Bosworth



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NFC offense: Neil Lomax

AFC OFFENSE—Mark Duper, wide receiver, Miami
Duper caught three touchdown passes from Dan Marino, including one of six yards with 1:07 left, as Miami edged Washington 23-21. Duper had six catches in all for 170 yards, including 26- and 59-yard scoring plays. Marino passed for 393 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Brian Bosworth, linebacker, Seattle
Bosworth recovered two fumbles to set up 10 points, and had six tackles, including a sack, in Seattle's 34-21 defeat of the Bears. He stripped the ball from Neal Anderson and returned it 38 yards to the Bears' 1 to set up a touchdown.

NFC OFFENSE—Neil Lomax, quarterback, St. Louis
Lomax passed for three touchdowns and led the Cardinals to a 31-14 victory over Tampa Bay, their fifth win in seven weeks. In the third quarter Lomax tied a team record with 12 successive completions.

NFC DEFENSE—Rickey Jackson, linebacker, New Orleans
Jackson made eight tackles, including three sacks of Boomer Esiason, and forced two fumbles that set up touchdowns as the Saints rallied to beat Cincinnati 41-24.

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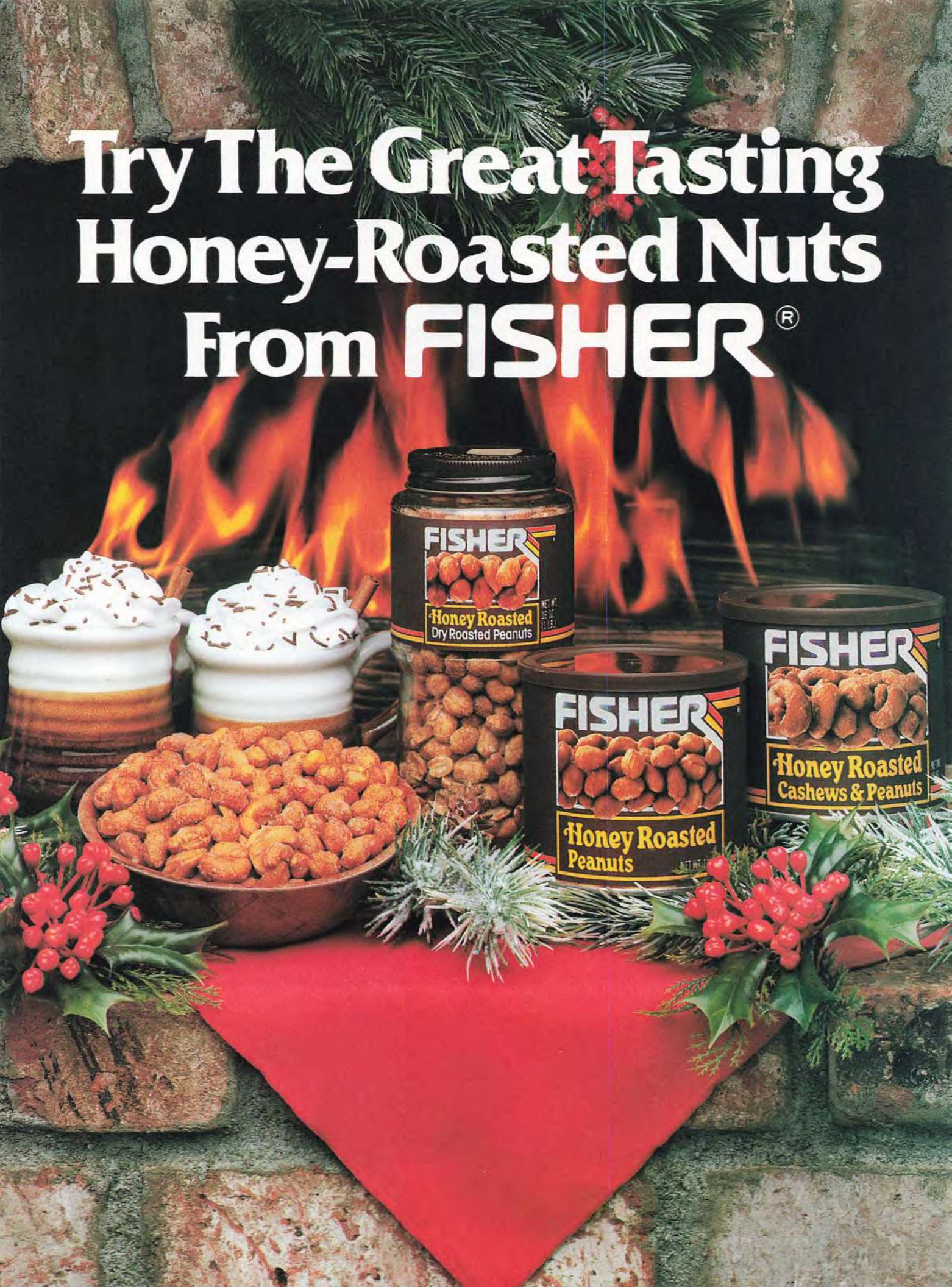
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IT HELPS TO HAVE MOmentum going into the playoffs, and, as the regular season ended, the 49ers and Saints had it. . . with a capital "M."

The 49ers, bidding for their third Super Bowl victory under head coach Bill Walsh, finished with a 48-0 rout of the Rams, their sixth win in a row and the worst defeat in Rams history. It could have been worse, too. Ray Wersching missed an extra-point attempt. San Francisco's defense didn't allow a point in the last three games.

The 49ers *had* to win their last game to clinch the NFC West title, however, because the Saints finished with nine wins in a row themselves, including a 33-24 last-game defeat of Green Bay.

"If the 49ers continue to play like this, they'll win the Super Bowl," Rams head coach John Robinson said.

The 49ers so dominated the Rams in Candlestick Park that they used the second half to tune up quarterback Joe Montana, who was coming back from a hamstring injury. Steve Young played the first half and passed for three touchdowns. Montana threw two more in the second half.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Indianapolis	9	6	0
Miami	8	7	0
New England	8	7	0
Buffalo	7	8	0
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	10	5	0
Houston	9	6	0
Pittsburgh	8	7	0
Cincinnati	4	11	0
AFC West			
Denver	10	4	1
Seattle	9	6	0
San Diego	8	7	0
L.A. Raiders	5	10	0
Kansas City	4	11	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	11	4	0
Dallas	7	8	0
Philadelphia	7	8	0
St. Louis	7	8	0
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	11	4	0
Minnesota	8	7	0
Green Bay	5	9	1
Detroit	4	11	0
Tampa Bay	4	11	0
NFC West			
San Francisco	13	2	0
New Orleans	12	3	0
L.A. Rams	6	9	0
Atlanta	3	12	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 19, Pittsburgh 13
Denver 24, San Diego 0
Houston 21, Cincinnati 17
Kansas City 41, Seattle 20
New England 24, Miami 10
NFC
Dallas 21, St. Louis 16
Detroit 30, Atlanta 13
New Orleans 33, Green Bay 24
San Francisco 48, L.A. Rams 0
Washington 27, Minnesota 24
Interconference
Chicago 6, L.A. Raiders 3
Indianapolis 24, Tampa Bay 6
N.Y. Giants 20, N.Y. Jets 7
Philadelphia 17, Buffalo 7

GREG TROTT

Jerry Rice caught two touchdown passes, giving him 22 for the season, as the 49ers overwhelmed the Rams.

Two of Young's touchdown passes went 22 and 50 yards to Jerry Rice, who padded the two remarkable NFL scoring records he set this season. Rice finished with at least one touchdown catch in 13 consecutive games and 22 touchdown catches in all.

"It's very frustrating when you've got him covered and he still makes the catch," said Rams cornerback Jerry Gray, a Pro Bowl player himself.

In the loss, Charles White of the Rams ran for 95 yards and finished with 1,374 to win the NFL rushing title. Montana set a 49ers' single-season record with 31 touchdown passes.

In New Orleans, the Saints trailed 14-3 in the first quarter and 24-19 in the third, as Packers rookie quarterback Don Majkowski threw three touchdown passes, two to Walter Stanley.

But Dalton Hilliard returned a kickoff 74 yards to set up one touchdown and squirmed a yard for another to put the Saints on top for good.

Besides the 49ers, three other teams wrapped up division titles in the final week.

The Broncos, who had the AFC's best record (10-4-1), clinched the West and froze the San Diego Chargers 24-0 in a Denver blizzard. The Chargers, who opened the season 8-1, finished with six successive losses.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ALAN SCHWARTZ

AFC offense: E. Dickerson

ALLAN KAYE

NFC offense: H. Walker

AFC OFFENSE—Eric Dickerson, running back, Indianapolis
Dickerson ran for 196 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Colts to a 24-6 victory over Tampa Bay that clinched the AFC East championship. Dickerson finished second in the NFL in rushing with 1,288 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Cornelius Bennett, linebacker, Buffalo
Although the Bills lost to Philadelphia 17-7, Bennett was a one-man defense as he made 17 tackles, including four sacks of Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham, forced three fumbles, and deflected a pass.

NFC OFFENSE—Herschel Walker, running back, Dallas
Walker rushed for 137 yards and caught three passes for 50 more as the Cowboys knocked the Cardinals out of the playoffs with a 21-16 victory. Walker also scored twice on 11-yard runs.

NFC DEFENSE—Richard Dent, end, Chicago
Dent had six tackles, including 4½ sacks, in the Bears' 6-3 victory over the Raiders. Chicago sacked Los Angeles quarterback Marc Wilson nine times.

WEEK 16

The game started with 14 inches of snow on the ground, and it kept falling. But Broncos rookie K.C. Clark returned a punt 71 yards for a score with only 1:50 gone in the first quarter, and linebacker Ricky Hunley returned an interception 52 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Denver quarterback John Elway said, "I wasn't cold at all. I refused to get cold."

In Indianapolis, the Colts won the AFC East title and clinched their first playoff berth since 1977, and their first in Indianapolis, with a 24-6 victory over Tampa Bay.

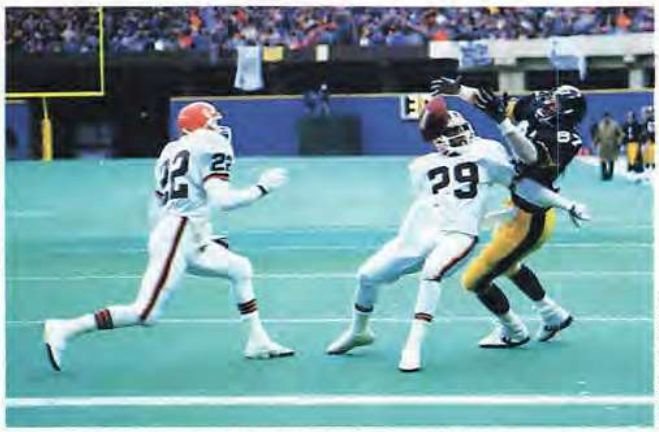
LOU WITT

Mike Rozier rushed for 103 yards in Houston's defeat of Cincinnati; the Oilers clinched a wild-card berth.

Eric Dickerson carried the ball 33 times for 196 yards and ran 6 and 34 yards for touchdowns as he won the AFC rushing title with 1,288 yards. Jack Trudeau passed for 246 yards.

The Browns won their third successive AFC Central Division championship, outlasting the Steelers 19-13 in Pittsburgh and eliminating them from the playoffs. Bernie Kosar passed for 241 yards and a touchdown, and tight end Ozzie Newsome caught six passes, tying Harold Carmichael for the NFL's second-longest consecutive-game reception streak (127 in a row).

Cleveland was tough when it counted, keeping the ball for all but 21 seconds of the fourth quarter. After Pittsburgh safety Cornell Gowdy returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown with 7:33 remaining in the game, the Browns held the ball for 15 plays and ran out the clock.



GEORGE GOJKOVICH

Hanford Dixon (29) broke up this pass to Pittsburgh's Weegie Thompson, and the Browns won the AFC Central title.

In a year in which the formerly weak Saints and Colts made the playoffs, Houston, another former soft touch, clinched a wild-card berth with a 21-17 defeat of Cincinnati. Mike Rozier rushed for 103 yards, and rookie Alonzo Highsmith scored his first two NFL touchdowns.

Two other teams, Seattle and Minnesota, backed into wild-card berths.

The Seahawks were routed 41-20 by Kansas City. The Chiefs' Bill Kenney, calling his own plays for the first time this season, passed for 320 yards and three touchdowns, including 81- and 46-yard bombs to Carlos Carson and Stephone Paige. Kansas City also scored on two other long-distance plays—Paul Palmer's 92-yard kickoff return and Herman Heard's 37-yard run.

There was more bad news for the playoff-bound Seahawks, who lost Curt Warner, the NFL's third-leading rusher, with a sprained ankle.

In defeat, Seattle's Steve Largent became the NFL's leading all-time receiver, catching six passes to increase his career total to 752 and surpass Charlie Joiner (750).

The Vikings had a 24-14 lead on NFC Eastern Division champion Washington in the fourth quarter, but wound up losing 27-24 in overtime on a 26-yard field goal by Ali Haji-Sheikh. The Redskins' Doug Williams, who replaced starting quarterback Jay Schroeder, threw 46- and 51-yard touchdown passes to wide receiver Ricky Sanders, the second with 1:46 left to tie the game. And cornerback Barry Wilburn scored on a 100-yard interception return.

GOODBY, SWEETNESS

GEORGE ROSE

On a chilly, overcast day in Los Angeles, the Bears, who had qualified for the playoffs three weeks before, defeated the Raiders 6-3. The game was forgettable, but the occasion was not.

It was the final regular-season appearance for Walter Payton.

In 1987, Payton, 33, had the lowest rushing total of his career, 533 yards, but he gained 82 yards on 20 carries against the Raiders to help the Bears finish 11-4. His running was instrumental in both Chicago field-goal drives.

He had a couple of bad moments against the Raiders, turning the ball over twice on an interception and a fumble. Still he assessed his last performance as "pretty good for an old man."

Payton walked off the field as the owner of 10 NFL records, including most career rushing yards (16,726), most 100-yard games (77), and most 1,000-yard seasons (10).

Typically, however, he was looking ahead to the playoffs.

"It's been a wonderful thirteen years and it's not over yet," he said. "We've still gotta run for three more games.

"We don't look back. We're looking forward. You can't do time over. If you keep leaning on the past, the future is gonna run over you."

QUOTE

Giants linebacker **Harry Carson,** who dumped a bucket of Gatorade on head coach Bill Parcells (like he did in 1986) after a 20-7 victory over the Jets.

"It's the end of the year and if he catches pneumonia he can recover."

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HOUSTON OILERS HEAD coach Jerry Glanville was celebrating his team's overtime victory over Seattle in the AFC Wild Card Game, but he also was looking ahead to the Super Bowl.

"We're going to San Diego," he said. "The mini-season is four games, and we're going to win all four."

If nothing else, the Oilers won the first of the four, edging the Seahawks 23-20 on a 42-yard field goal by Tony Zendejas midway through the overtime period.

A few hours before, Minnesota shattered the dreams of the New Orleans Saints with a 44-10 shocker in the NFC Wild Card Game.

The Vikings had lost three of their last four games, while the Saints won their last nine. So much for momentum.

"All those people who said this team doesn't belong or that they are chokers are wrong," said Vikings head coach Jerry Burns.

In Houston, the Oilers outgained Seattle 437-250, and led in first downs (27-11) and time of possession (47:44 to 20:21).

The Seahawks totaled only 29 yards rushing without injured Curt Warner, the NFL's third-leading rusher, but Houston had a balanced attack. Alonzo Highsmith (74 yards) and Mike Rozier (66 yards, 1 touchdown) provided the running, and Warren Moon (273 yards, 1 touchdown) added the passing.

With time running out in regulation, Houston was leading 20-13, had just driven to Seattle's 12, and had Zendejas, who already had kicked 47- and 49-yard field goals, lined up for a 29-yard chip shot that could clinch the game. But, with 1:47 left, his kick bounced off the left upright.

Taking over on their 20, the Seahawks drove 80 yards in 10 frantic plays for the tying touchdown, as Dave Krieg completed three passes to Steve Largent, including a 12-yard effort for the score with 26 seconds left.

The Seahawks won the overtime coin toss, but failed to make a first down. The Oilers then drove 61 yards with a mixture of short runs and passes to position Zendejas for the winning kick.

"We just nickel-and-dimed them," Moon said. "I was going to be very cautious with everything I did."

Moon and the Oilers had a nervous moment on the drive when a tipped pass was scooped off the ground at the Houston 40 by Seahawks linebacker Fredd Young. But field officials ruled the ball was trapped, and they were upheld by the instant-replay official.

In New Orleans, the Vikings fell behind 7-0 early in the first quarter, but then blitzed the Saints with 44 of the next 47 points. They led in yards 417-149, led in first downs 28-9, and held the ball for more than 41 minutes.

Wide receiver Anthony Carter was the catalyst, giving Minnesota the lead for good at 10-7, when he wiggled through several tacklers on an 84-yard scoring punt return, the longest in NFL playoff history. He also caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from running back Allen Rice.

Minnesota again played musical quarterbacks, as Tommy Kramer, Wade Wilson, then Kramer, then Wilson, then Kramer again, shrugged off injuries to direct the victory.

In his two relief roles, Wilson passed for two touchdowns to produce a 31-10 halftime lead, including a 44-yard "Hail Mary" touchdown pass to Hassan Jones on the last play of the first half.

Minnesota's Hassan Jones (84) caught his own tipped pass for a 44-yard "Hail Mary" touchdown against New Orleans.

AFC

Oilers 23, Seahawks 20 (OT)

Seattle	7	3	3	7	0	—20
Houston	3	10	7	0	3	—23

Sea —Largent 23 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick)
Hou —FG Zendejas 47
Hou —Rozier 1 run (Zendejas kick)
Hou —FG Zendejas 49
Sea —FG N. Johnson 33
Sea —FG N. Johnson 41
Hou —Drewrey 20 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)
Sea —Largent 12 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick)
Hou —FG Zendejas 42
Attendance—49,622

NFC

Vikings 44, Saints 10

Minnesota	10	21	3	10	—44	
New Orleans	7	3	0	0	—10	

NO —Martin 10 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)
Minn —FG C. Nelson 42
Minn —Carter 84 punt return (C. Nelson kick)
Minn —S. Jordan 5 pass from W. Wilson (C. Nelson kick)
Minn —Carter 10 pass from Rice (C. Nelson kick)
NO —FG Andersen 40
Minn —Jones 44 pass from W. Wilson (C. Nelson kick)
Minn —FG C. Nelson 32
Minn —FG C. Nelson 19
Minn —Dozier 8 run (C. Nelson kick)
Attendance—68,127

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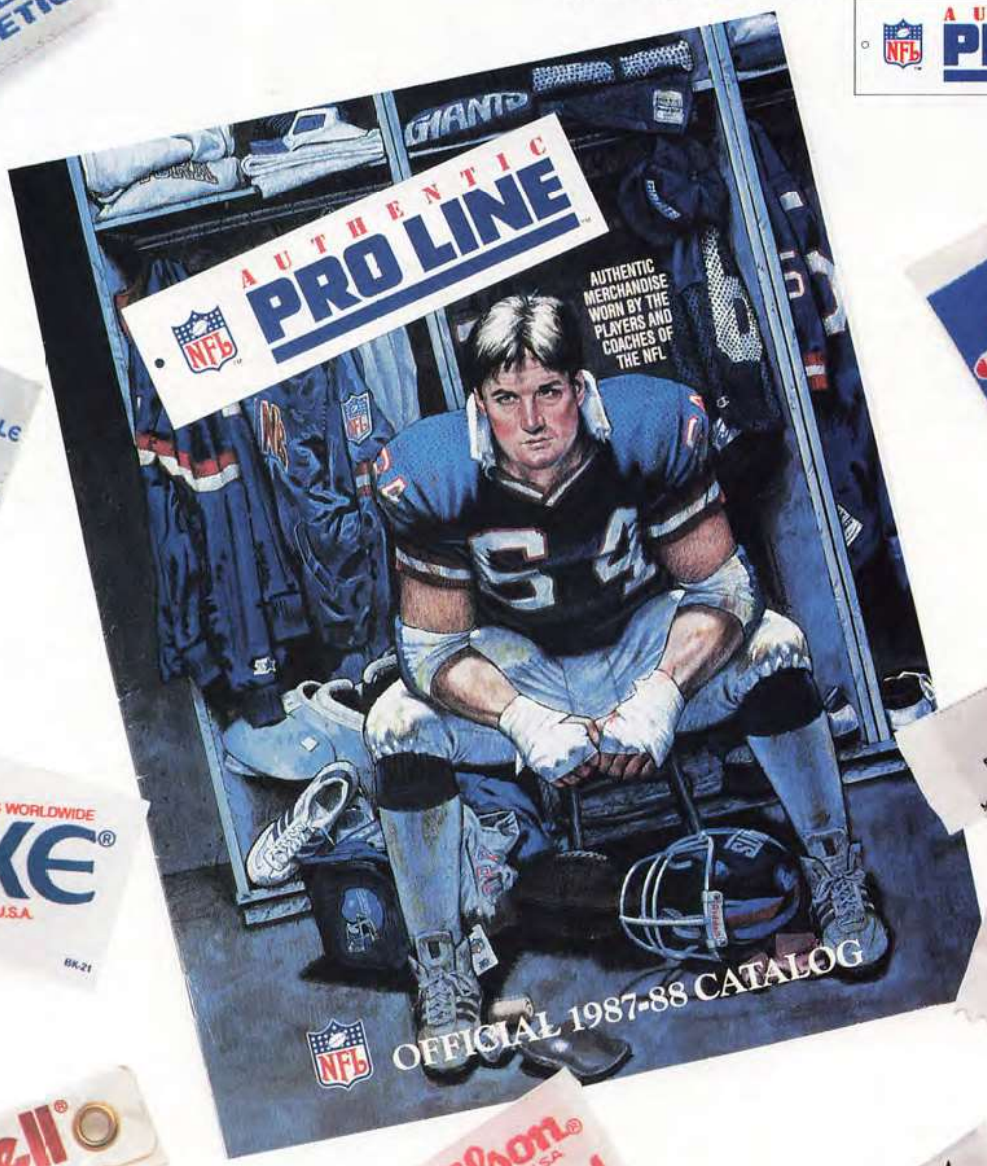

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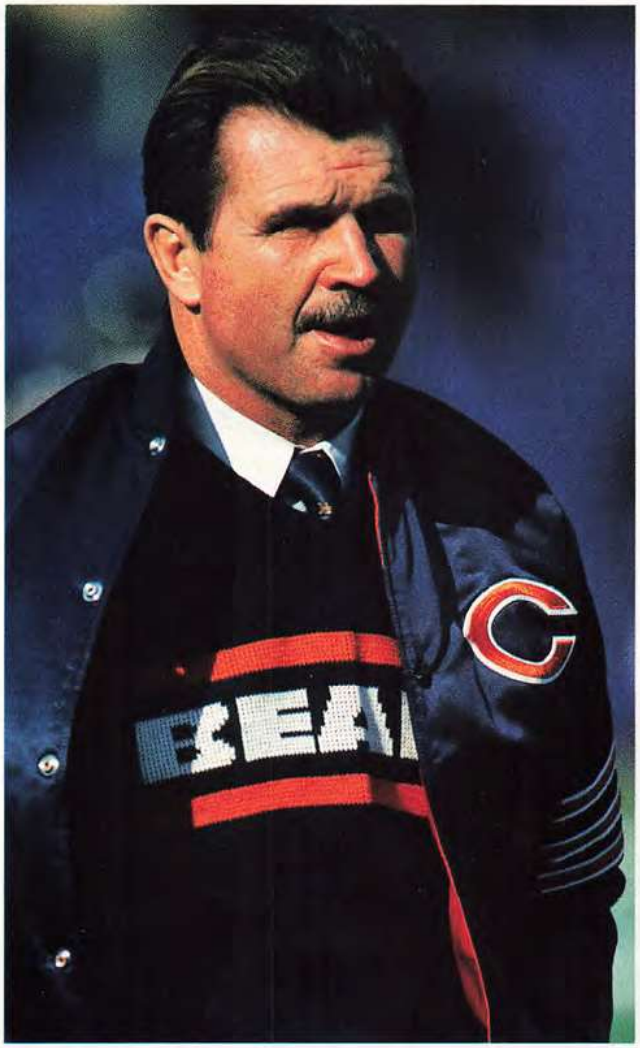

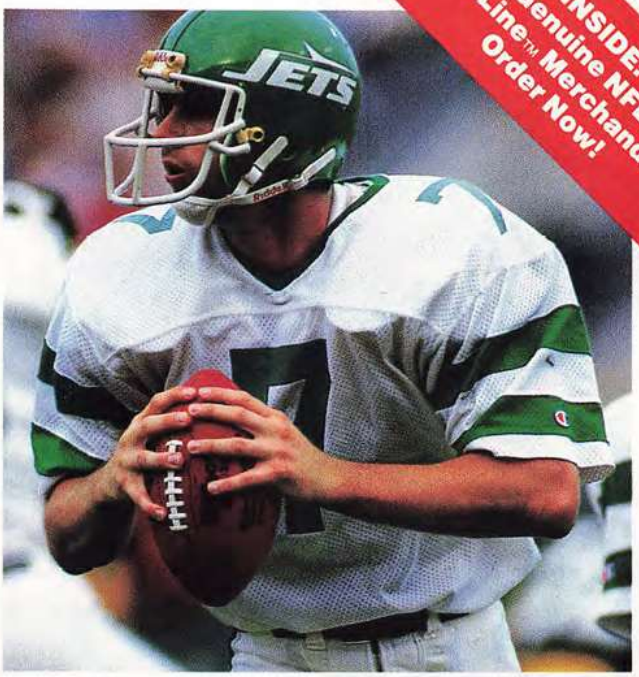

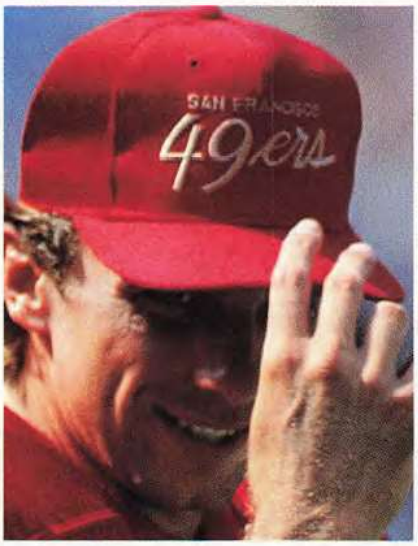

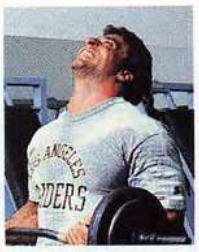

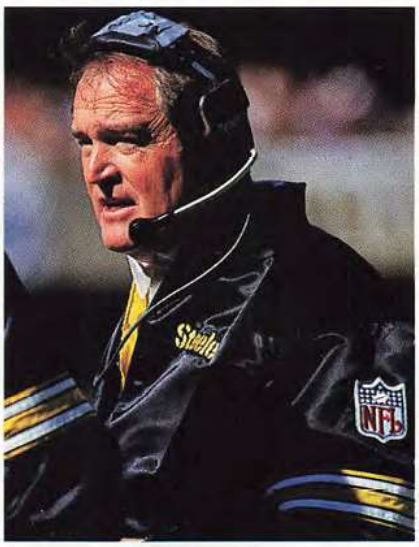

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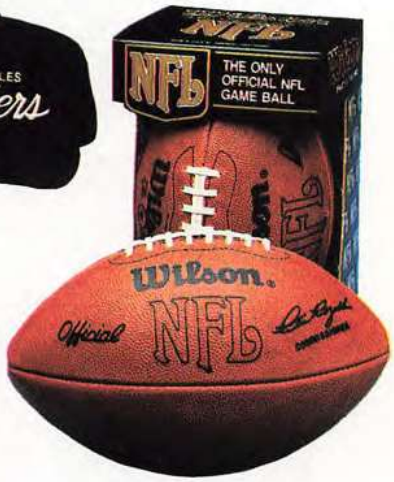

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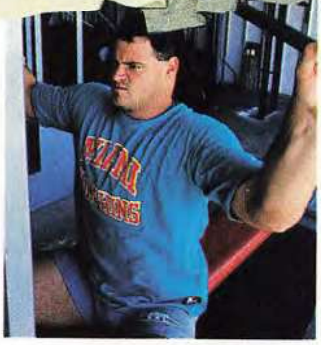

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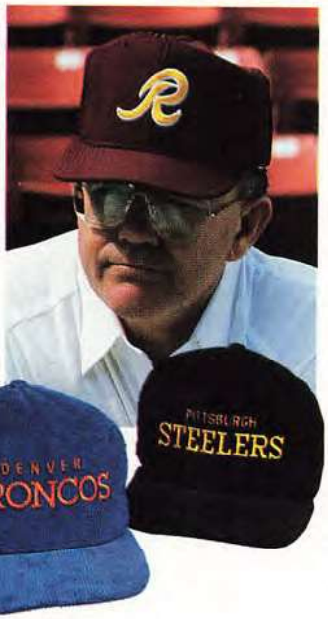

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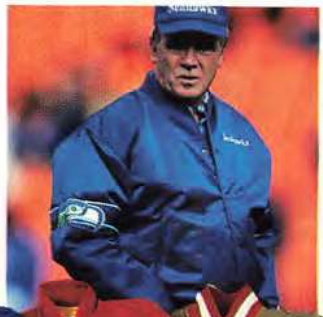

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ON THE SIDELINE, MINnesota head coach Jerry Burns was as grim as an undertaker, but in the locker room after his team's divisional playoff victory, he could afford to smile.

"This culminates a helluva comeback," Burns said.

Comeback indeed. For the second successive week, the wild-card Vikings took on a heavily favored team, and for the second successive week they won, stunning the 49ers 36-24. Back-to-back, Minnesota had defeated the teams with the NFL's best records, New Orleans (12-3) and San Francisco (13-2). And both victories were on the road.

ARTHUR ANDERSON

Minnesota's Reggie Rutland scored on an interception.

The next day, the NFC was guaranteed a doubly surprising championship game when the Redskins sent Walter Payton into retirement by rallying to edge the Bears 21-17 in Chicago on a 52-yard punt return by Darrell Green. It was the second year in a row Washington had eliminated Chicago in a divisional playoff game.

Form held true in the AFC, however, when Cleveland and Denver set up a rematch of last season's classic overtime championship game. Bernie Kosar threw three touchdown passes as the Browns pulled away from the Colts in the second half to win 38-21, and John Elway threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third score as the Broncos breezed past Houston 34-10.

In San Francisco, the 49ers, who had won six games in a row, were heavily favored over Minnesota. But the Vikings jumped to a 20-3 halftime lead and never trailed as wide receiver Anthony Carter and kicker Chuck Nelson each set a playoff record.

The acrobatic Carter caught 10 passes for 227 yards, breaking the yardage record of 198 set by the Los Angeles Rams' Tom Fears against the Bears in a conference playoff game in 1950. Carter set up field goals with 63-, 40-, and 35-yard catches and set up a touchdown with a 30-yard run on a reverse.

"He dominated the field," Vikings quarterback Wade Wilson said. "I'm surprised they put single coverage on him. As long as they do that, we're going to get him the ball."

When Carter wasn't catching, Nelson was kicking. His five field goals broke the playoff record of four, shared by eight players. After two playoff games, he was 8-for-8.

Wilson went the distance at quarterback, passing for 298 yards and two touchdowns (to tight end Carl Hilton and wide receiver Hassan Jones).

ARTHUR ANDERSON

Anthony Carter caught 10 passes for a playoff-record 227 yards as the Vikings shocked the 49ers 36-24.

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

A dejected Walter Payton saw his career end with a loss.

NFC

Vikings 36, 49ers 24

Minnesota	3	17	10	6—36
San Francisco	3	0	14	7—24

Minn — FG C. Nelson 21
SF — FG Wersching 43
Minn — Hilton 7 pass from Wilson (C. Nelson kick)
Minn — FG C. Nelson 27
Minn — Rutland 45 interception return (C. Nelson kick)
SF — Fuller 48 interception return (Wersching kick)
Minn — Jones 5 pass from Wilson (C. Nelson kick)
SF — Young 5 run (Wersching kick)
Minn — FG C. Nelson 40
Minn — FG C. Nelson 46
SF — Frank 16 pass from Young (Wersching kick)
Minn — FG C. Nelson 23
Attendance — 62,547

Redskins 21, Bears 17

Washington	0	14	7	0—21
Chicago	7	7	3	0—17

Chi — Thomas 2 run (Butler kick)
Chi — Morris 14 pass from McMahon (Butler kick)
Wash — Rogers 3 run (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Wash — Didier 18 pass from Williams (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Wash — Green 52 punt return (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Chi — FG Butler 25
Attendance — 66,030

AFC

Browns 38, Colts 21

Indianapolis	7	7	0	7—21
Cleveland	7	7	7	17—38

Cle — Byner 10 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
Ind — Beach 2 pass from Trudeau (Biasucci kick)
Cle — Langhorne 39 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
Ind — Dickerson 19 pass from Trudeau (Biasucci kick)
Cle — Byner 2 run (Bahr kick)
Cle — FG Bahr 22
Cle — Brennan 2 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
Ind — Bentley 1 run (Biasucci kick)
Cle — Minnifield 48 interception return (Bahr kick)
Attendance — 78,586

Broncos 34, Oilers 10

Houston	0	3	0	7—10
Denver	14	10	3	7—34

Den — Lang 1 run (Karlis kick)
Den — Kay 27 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
Den — FG Karlis 43
Hou — FG Zendejas 46
Den — Kay 1 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
Den — FG Karlis 23
Hou — Givins 19 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)
Den — Elway 3 run (Karlis kick)
Attendance — 75,968

Meanwhile, the Vikings' defense clamped down on San Francisco's Joe Montana.

Montana was sacked four times (twice by end Chris Doleman), intercepted for a 45-yard touchdown return by safety Reggie Rutland, held to 109 passing yards, and finally relieved by Steve Young in the third quarter with the score 27-10. Young ran for a touchdown and threw for another, but he couldn't work a miracle.

In Chicago, the temperature at kickoff was 4 degrees, but the Bears were hot, grabbing a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter. Payton, the game's leading rusher with 85 yards, got 74 in the first half. His running was instrumental in drives that led to a two-yard touchdown run by Calvin Thomas and a 14-yard scoring pass from Jim McMahon to Ron Morris.

But the Redskins' Doug Williams led 72- and 69-yard touchdown drives to produce a 14-14 halftime tie. For the tying touchdown, Williams fired an 18-yard dart down the middle to tight end Clint Didier.

In the third quarter, Green put Washington ahead for good when he went down the right sideline with a punt, hurdled Chicago's Cap Boso, cut across the field, and scored —despite straining rib cartilage on the run.

GEORGE GOJKOVICH

Reggie Langhorne of the Browns made a diving touchdown catch.

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

A frozen field couldn't stop Cleveland's Earnest Byner.

McMahon, playing in his first game for the Bears since suffering a pulled hamstring December 6, was sacked five times, three by end Charles Mann, and intercepted three times. Cornerback Barry Wilburn's interception in the end zone with 9:20 remaining ended the Bears' last scoring chance with the score 21-17.

"This is probably the worst game I've played in a long time," McMahon said.

In Cleveland, where it was 19 degrees and the field was frozen, the Browns and Colts also were tied 14-14 at halftime, but Cleveland took control in the third quarter.

The Colts' Jack Trudeau, who had thrown two touchdown passes in the first half, opened the second by marching his team to the Browns' 20. But blitzing linebacker Eddie Johnson hit Trudeau's arm as he was throwing, and the pass was intercepted by safety Felix Wright at the 14.

Kosar then directed an 86-yard drive, which culminated

in Earnest Byner's two-yard scoring run for a 21-14 lead. Cleveland never looked back.

Byner, working overtime because his backfield sidekick Kevin Mack went out of the game with a stomach virus in the first quarter, ran for 122 yards and also caught a 10-yard touchdown pass. Kosar's other scoring throws went 39 yards to Reggie Langhorne, who made a diving catch, and 2 yards to Brian Brennan.

Meanwhile, Cleveland's defense held Eric Dickerson to 50 yards rushing on 15 carries, although he was the game's leading receiver with seven catches.

"The Browns have the best defense in the NFL," Dickerson said.

In Denver, the Broncos took advantage of two turnovers to jump to a quick 14-0 lead, led 24-3 at halftime, and made it seven victories in their last eight games.

The Oilers were burned by their own gamble when Warren Moon's overhand, 15-yard lateral from the 4-yard line was dropped by Mike Rozier and recovered by Broncos cornerback Steve Wilson at the

BOB ROSATO

Denver's John Elway threw two touchdown passes.

BOB ROSATO

Mike Rozier (30) and the rest of the Oilers were held to 10 points by the aggressive Broncos' defense.

1. Denver's Gene Lang scored from there with just 6:19 gone in the first quarter.

"I think that was the turning point right there," Denver safety Tony Lilly said.

The Oilers countered with a long drive, but Denver linebacker Karl Mecklenburg stopped it with an 18-yard interception return. The Broncos scored on Elway's 27-yard throw to tight end Clarence Kay, who made a stretching, fingertip catch.

Elway also hit Kay with a one-yard touchdown pass and ran three yards for another score.

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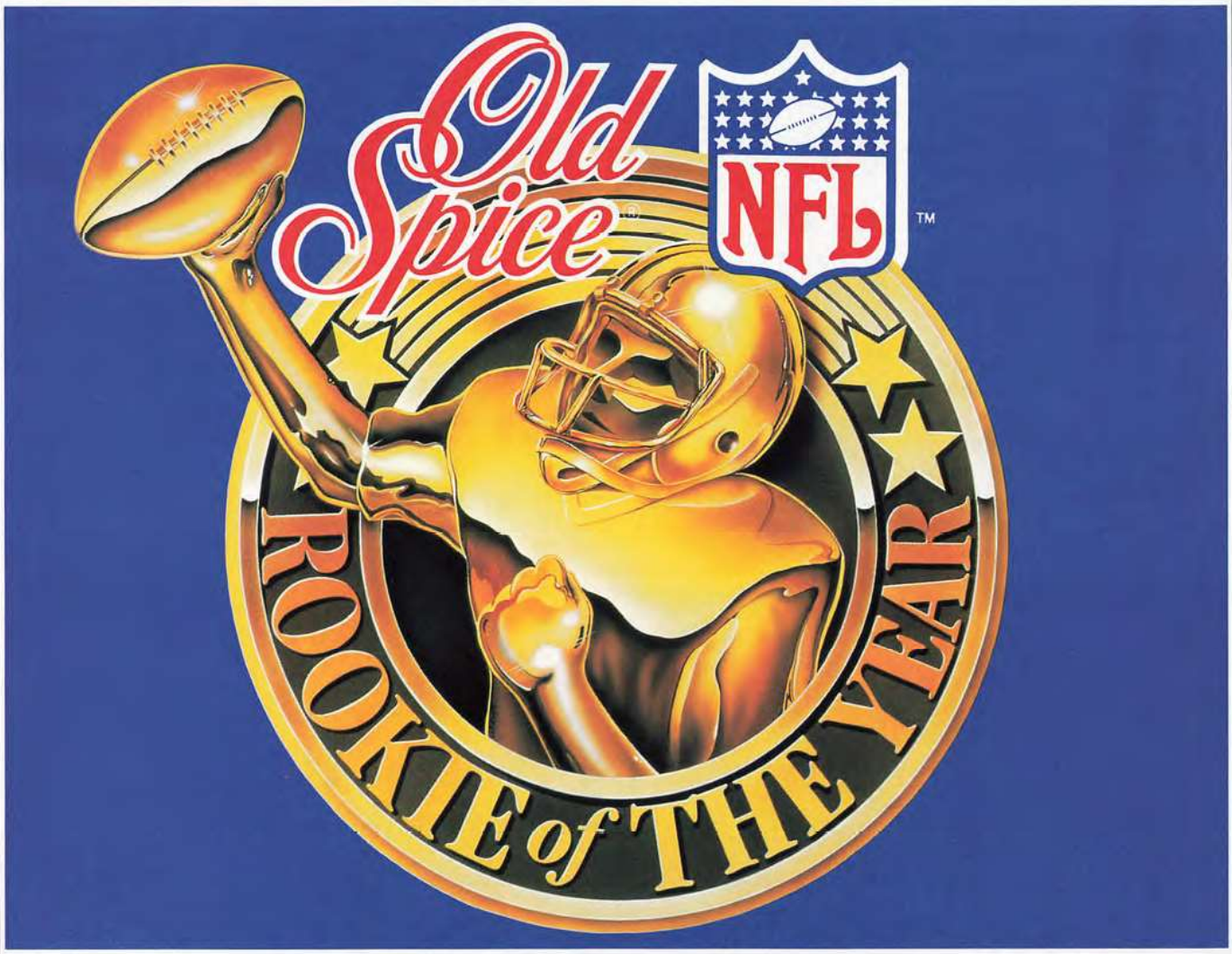

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FOR THE SECOND YEAR in a row, Denver was on the way to the Super Bowl. For the second year in a row, the Broncos broke Cleveland's heart to get there.

"Last year [when Denver won the AFC championship by defeating the Browns in overtime], I was elated at the end of the game," Broncos head coach Dan Reeves said. "This year I'm just numb.

"I really feel sorry for [Cleveland coach] Marty Schottenheimer and his assistants. They did a great job. But we won the game."

Denver won its second successive AFC championship 38-33, after Cleveland had staged one of the greatest comebacks in NFL playoff history. The Browns, who twice trailed by 18 points, were on their way to the tying touchdown (the score was 38-31) and another possible overtime when running back Earnest Byner had the ball stripped away and recovered by cornerback Jeremiah Castille at the Denver 2 with 1:05 left. Byner had carried from the 8-yard line and had gained at least a first down. He might have scored a touchdown, but when he reached the goal line, he didn't have the ball.

Just hours before, Washington won the NFC championship 17-10 with a similar nail-biting finish. The Vikings, also bidding for a tie, had rolled to the Washington 6-yard line in the last two minutes. However, on fourth-and-4 with 56 seconds left, running back Darrin Nelson dropped a pass from Wade Wilson on the goal line.

The victory sent Washington to the Super Bowl for the third time in six years and ended the remarkable bid of the wild-card Vikings.

"This really hurts," said Vikings wide receiver Leo Lewis, who scored Minnesota's only touchdown. "We really thought we were Super Bowl-bound. We were ready to go the whole way."

The Browns were just as crushed.

"We really believe we should have won," quarterback Bernie Kosar said.

TONY TOMSIC

Sammy Winder took a short pass from John Elway and scooted down the right sideline for the game's winning touchdown.

AFC

Broncos 38, Browns 33

Cleveland	0	3	21	9—33
Denver	14	7	10	7—38

Den — Nattiel 8 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
Den — Sewell 1 run (Karlis kick)
Cle — FG Bahr 24
Den — Lang 1 run (Karlis kick)
Cle — Langhorne 18 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
Den — Jackson 80 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
Cle — Byner 32 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
Cle — Byner 4 run (Bahr kick)
Den — FG Karlis 38
Cle — Slaughter 4 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
Den — Winder 20 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
Cle — Safety, Horan ran out of end zone
Attendance—75,993

NFC

Redskins 17, Vikings 10

Minnesota	0	7	0	3—10
Washington	7	0	3	7—17

Wash — Bryant 42 pass from Williams (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Minn — Lewis 23 pass from W. Wilson (C. Nelson kick)
Wash — FG Haji-Sheikh 28
Minn — FG C. Nelson 18
Wash — Clark 7 pass from Williams (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Attendance—55,212

On his way to the tying score, Earnest Byner (44) was stripped of the ball by Jeremiah Castille, who recovered at the 3.

Although the two games had similar finishes, they were dramatically different for the first 59 minutes.

In Washington, the Redskins sacked Wilson eight times and turned in two goal-line stands to win a tense defensive struggle. On offense, Washington quarterback Doug Williams completed only 9 of 26 passes, but still threw for two touchdowns, including the seven-yard pass to Gary Clark that won the game with 5:15 left.

"The defense was absolutely fantastic," Washington head coach Joe Gibbs said following the victory. "They held Minnesota at bay, and they're a great offensive team."

The Vikings had scored a total of 80 points in playoff victories over New Orleans and San Francisco.

In Denver, the Broncos and Browns staged a wild offensive show that looked like an easy Denver victory for a half, before the game turned into a classic. Cleveland ran and passed for 464 yards and Denver gained 412.

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"I'm enjoying it now that it's over," Denver quarterback John Elway said. "It was a little nerve-wracking at the time."

Elway passed for 281 yards and three touchdowns, including the game-winner, a 20-yard screen to running back Sammy Winder with 4:01 left in the fourth quarter. The winning drive went 75 yards in five plays, and Winder broke two tackles on his winning catch-and-run.

Kosar's statistics were even better than Elway's. Kosar passed for 351 yards and three touchdowns and brought Cleveland back from 21-3 and 28-10 deficits to a 31-31 tie in the fourth-quarter.

Four turnovers, including Byner's fumble, ultimately killed the Browns' chances.

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

Anthony Carter, who made seven receptions, returned a punt 26 yards to set up the tying fourth-quarter field goal.

"We know that Denver practices stripping the ball every day," Byner said. "Every time you run the ball, they try to take it out of your hands. Maybe if I had pulled the ball in closer. . . well, I don't know."

Denver quickly took a 14-0 first-quarter lead when Freddie Gilbert's interception of a deflected pass and cornerback Steve Wilson's recovery of a Kevin Mack fumble (the ball was stripped by safety Tony Lilly) set up two touchdowns. Elway drilled an eight-yard scoring pass to Ricky Nattiel, and Steve Sewell scored on a one-yard reverse.

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

On third down, Neal Olkewicz (52) hit D.J. Dozier from behind, thwarting the Vikings at the goal line.

The Broncos scored touchdowns on their first three possessions of the game, including Gene Lang's one-yard touchdown run in the second quarter that gave them a 21-3 halftime edge.

But, in the second half, the Browns scored touchdowns the first four times *they* had the ball. Kosar threw 18 yards to Reggie Langhorne, 32 to Byner, and 4 to Webster Slaughter for touchdowns, and Byner pounded 4 yards for another score. Denver wasn't silent, either, as Elway, scrambling on a third-and-10 play, threw a five-yard pass to Mark Jackson, who eluded two tacklers and ran 75 yards to complete an 80-yard scoring pass. Rich Karlis also kicked a 38-yard field goal.

Kosar's touchdown throw to Slaughter, which culminated an 86-yard drive, finally tied the score at 31-31 with 10:48 left in the game. A 53-yard pass to Byner set it up.

On the day of his costly fumble, Byner scored two touchdowns, ran for 67 yards on 15 carries, and caught seven passes for 120 yards.

After Denver took the lead at 38-31, Cleveland's final, failed drive covered 73 yards. Following Byner's fumble, Broncos punter Mike Horan ran out of the end zone for a safety with eight seconds left.

The victory was Denver's ninth in a row over Cleveland.

The Redskins, meanwhile, defeated the Vikings for the third time in a row, including overtime victories in the 1986 and 1987 regular seasons.

On defense, tackle Dave Butz tipped a pass to linebacker Mel Kaufman to set up a field goal and also sacked Minnesota's Wade Wilson twice. End Dexter Manley, who harassed Wilson all day, had two more sacks.

"We got this far last year and didn't do it," Manley said, referring to the Redskins' 17-0 defeat by the Giants in the 1986 NFC title game. "We felt we weren't going to let that happen again."

The game was tied 7-7 and 10-10. Williams fired a 42-yard touchdown pass to running back Kelvin Bryant to complete a 98-yard drive the first time Washington had the ball. And Wilson answered with a 23-yard scoring strike to Lewis, who caught the ball over his head for a 7-7 tie.

Trailing 10-7 in the fourth quarter, the Vikings missed their only chance to go ahead, when they had first-and-goal at the Redskins' 3-yard line and were turned back. Linebacker Neal Olkewicz's tackle of D.J. Dozier at the 1 on third down forced Chuck Nelson to kick a field goal for a 10-10 tie.

Washington's winning drive consumed 70 yards. Williams set up his game-winning touchdown pass to Clark by throwing him a 43-yard bomb. •

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As the Redskins took over on their 6, with the game in the bag, Doug Williams raised his arms in a sign of victory.

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VI COWBOYS 24, DOLPHINS 3
Dallas wins its first NFL title. Led by Duane Thomas, the Cowboys outrushed Miami 252 to 185 yards.

VII DOLPHINS 14, REDSKINS 7
Miami's No-Name Defense, led by MVP Jake Scott and lineman Manny Fernandez, shut down the Washington offense.

VIII DOLPHINS 24, VIKINGS 7
MVP Larry Csonka gained 145 yards and Miami attempted only seven passes as the Dolphins controlled the entire game.

IX STEELERS 16, VIKINGS 6
Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" defense allowed Minnesota only 119 yards. MVP Franco Harris gained 158 of 333 total yds.

X STEELERS 21, COWBOYS 17
An exciting game from start to finish with spectacular receptions by MVP Lynn Swann (four for 161 yards) punctuating the action.

XI RAIDERS 32, VIKINGS 14
The Raiders' offensive line dominated as Oakland gained 429 yards. Willie Brown's 75-yard interception clinched the victory.

XII COWBOYS 27, BRONCOS 10
"Doomsday in the Dome" as Dallas forced eight turnovers, four of them interceptions from former Cowboy Craig Morton.

XIII STEELERS 35, COWBOYS 31
This game was filled with big plays, including the Cowboys ripping the ball from Terry Bradshaw and running for a TD.

XIV STEELERS 31, RAMS 19
Highlights included John Stallworth's 73-yard TD reception and MVP Terry Bradshaw's 309-yard passing game.

XV RAIDERS 27, EAGLES 10
Big Plays: three interceptions by Rod Martin, a blocked field goal by Ted Hendricks, and an 80-yard Kenny King TD reception.

XVI 49ERS 26, BENGALS 21
The 49ers' strategy to squib kickoffs, a critical goal line stand, and the stripping of the ball from Cris Collinsworth.

XVII REDSKINS 27, DOLPHINS 17
"Hog Day Afternoon" with John Riggins' MVP rushing performance. The Redskins' defense allowed only four pass completions.

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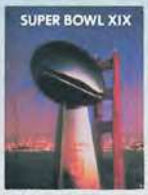

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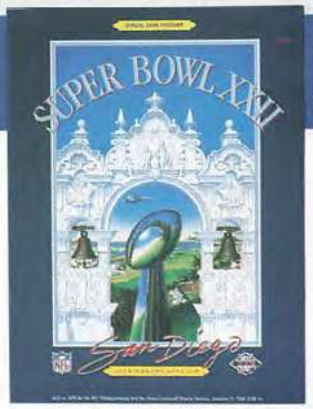

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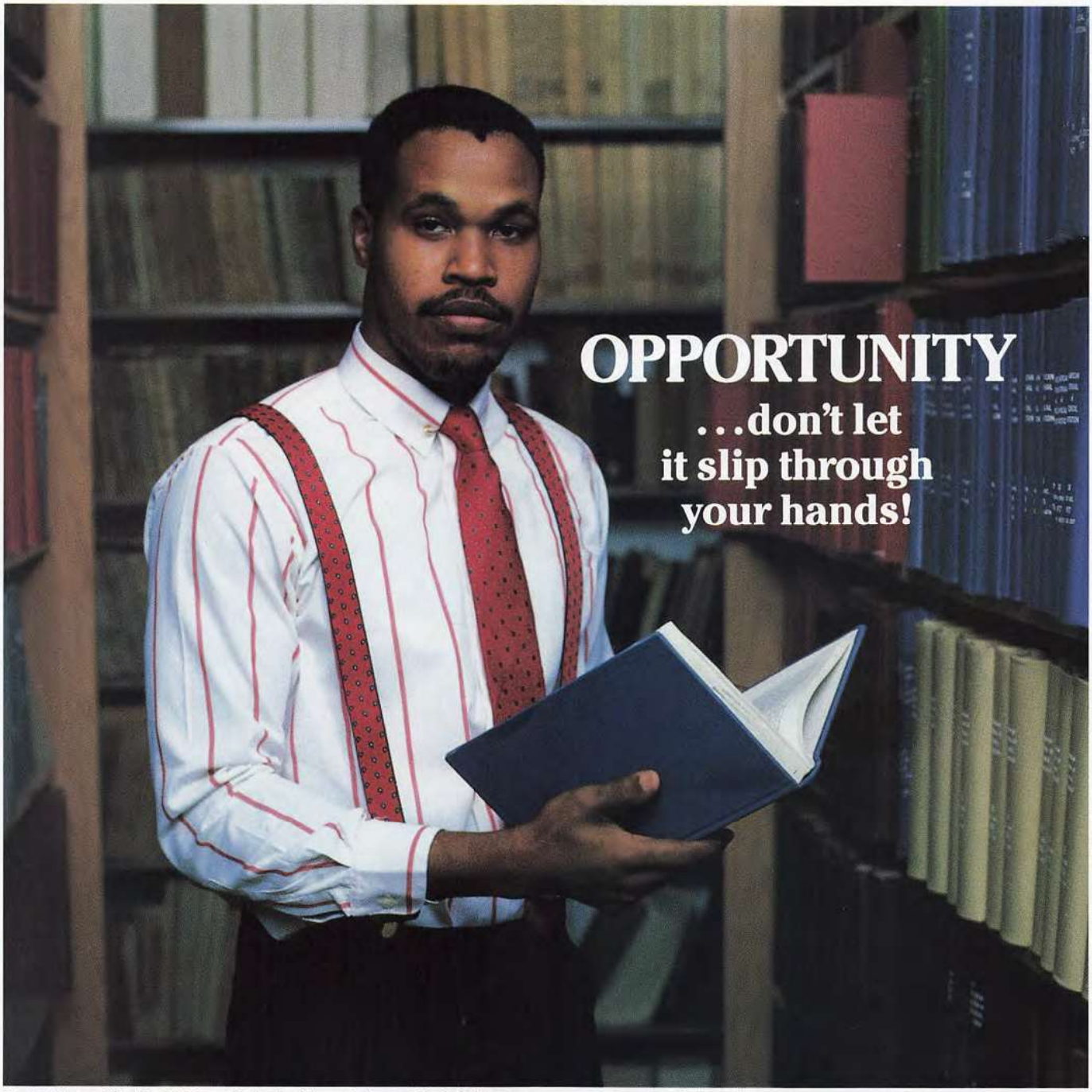

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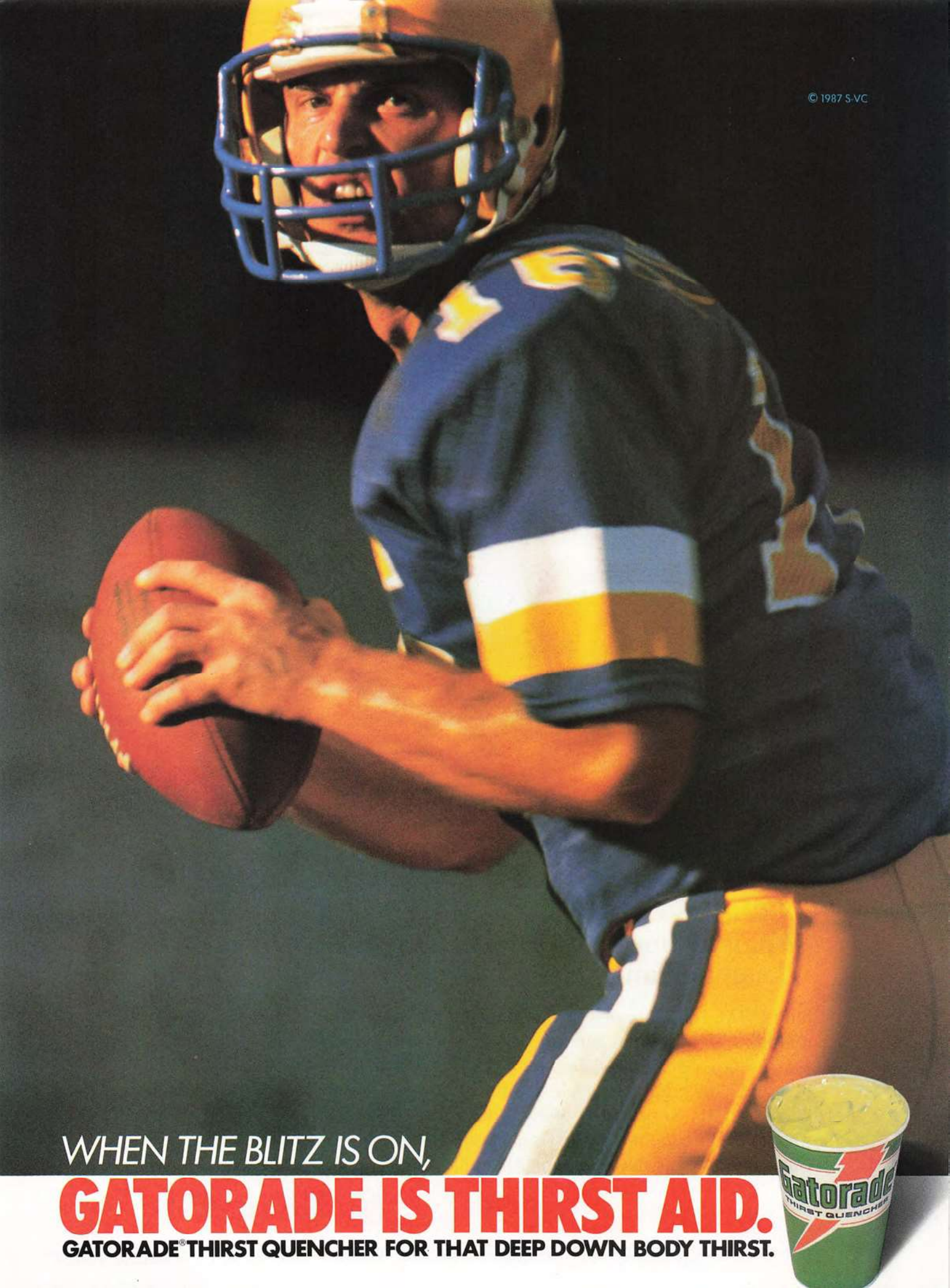
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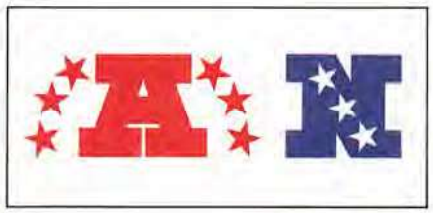

AFC LEADING RUSHERS

	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Eric Dickerson, Rams-Indianapolis	283	1288	4.6	57	6
Curt Warner, Seattle	234	985	4.2	57	8
Mike Rozier, Houston	229	957	4.2	41	3
Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders	200	754	3.8	44	5
Sammy Winder, Denver	196	741	3.8	19	6
Kevin Mack, Cleveland	201	735	3.7	22	5
Earnest Jackson, Pittsburgh	180	696	3.9	39	1
Christian Okoye, Kansas City	157	660	4.2	43	3
Albert Bentley, Indianapolis	142	631	4.4	17	7
Troy Stradford, Miami	145	619	4.3	51	6

NFC LEADING RUSHERS

	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Charles White, L.A. Rams	324	1374	4.2	58	11
Rueben Mayes, New Orleans	243	917	3.8	38	5
Herschel Walker, Dallas	209	891	4.3	60	7
Gerald Riggs, Atlanta	203	875	4.3	44	2
Roger Craig, San Francisco	215	815	3.8	25	3
Stump Mitchell, St. Louis	203	781	3.8	42	3
Joe Morris, N.Y. Giants	193	658	3.4	34	3
Darrin Nelson, Minnesota	131	642	4.9	72	2
George Rogers, Washington	163	613	3.8	29	6
Neal Anderson, Chicago	129	586	4.5	38	3

AFC LEADING SCORERS, TOUCHDOWNS

	TD	Rush	Rec.	Ret.	Pts.
Johnny Hector, N.Y. Jets	11	11	0	0	66
Earnest Byner, Cleveland	10	8	2	0	60
Curt Warner, Seattle	10	8	2	0	60
Albert Bentley, Indianapolis	9	7	2	0	54
Robb Riddick, Buffalo	8	5	3	0	*50
Mark Duper, Miami	8	0	8	0	48
Larry Kinnebrew, Cincinnati	8	8	0	0	48
Steve Largent, Seattle	8	0	8	0	48

*includes safety.

NFC LEADING SCORERS, TOUCHDOWNS

	TD	Rush	Rec.	Ret.	Pts.
Jerry Rice, San Francisco	23	1	22	0	138
Mike Quick, Philadelphia	11	0	11	0	66
Charles White, L.A. Rams	11	11	0	0	66
Mark Bavaro, N.Y. Giants	8	0	8	0	48
Dalton Hilliard, New Orleans	8	7	1	0	48
J.T. Smith, St. Louis	8	0	8	0	48
Herschel Walker, Dallas	8	7	1	0	48

AFC LEADING SCORERS, KICKING

	PAT	FG	Long	Pts.
Jim Breech, Cincinnati	25/27	24/30	46	97
Dean Biasucci, Indianapolis	24/24	24/27	50	96
Tony Zendejas, Houston	32/33	20/26	52	92
Rich Karlis, Denver	37/37	18/25	51	91
Gary Anderson, Pittsburgh	21/21	22/27	52	87
Norm Johnson, Seattle	40/40	15/20	49	85
Pat Leahy, N.Y. Jets	31/31	18/22	42	85
Chris Bahr, L.A. Raiders	27/28	19/29	48	84

NFC LEADING SCORERS, KICKING

	PAT	FG	Long	Pts.
Morten Andersen, New Orleans	37/37	28/36	52	121
Roger Ruzek, Dallas	26/26	22/25	49	92
Mike Lansford, L.A. Rams	36/38	17/21	48	87
Kevin Butler, Chicago	28/30	19/28	52	85
Paul McFadden, Philadelphia	36/36	16/26	49	84
Ray Wersching, San Francisco	44/46	13/17	45	83
Eddie Murray, Detroit	21/21	20/32	53	81
Raul Allegre, N.Y. Giants	25/26	17/27	53	76

AFC LEADING RECEIVERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Al Toon, N.Y. Jets	68	976	14.4	58	5
Steve Largent, Seattle	58	912	15.7	55	8
Andre Reed, Buffalo	57	752	13.2	40	5
Chris Burkett, Buffalo	56	765	13.7	47	4
Ronnie Harmon, Buffalo	56	477	8.5	42	2
Carlos Carson, Kansas City	55	1044	19.0	81	7
Ernest Givins, Houston	53	933	17.6	83	6
Kellen Winslow, San Diego	53	519	9.8	30	3
Earnest Byner, Cleveland	52	552	10.6	37	2
Bill Brooks, Indianapolis	51	722	14.2	52	3
Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders	51	410	8.0	39	0

AFC LEADING PASSERS

	Att.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds.	Avg. Gain	TD	Pct. TD	Long	Int.	Pct. Int.	Rating
Bernie Kosar, Cleveland	389	241	62.0	3033	7.80	22	5.7	t54	9	2.3	95.4
Dan Marino, Miami	444	263	59.2	3245	7.31	26	5.9	t59	13	2.9	89.2
Dave Krieg, Seattle	294	178	60.5	2131	7.25	23	7.8	t75	15	5.1	87.6
Bill Kenney, Kansas City	273	154	56.4	2107	7.72	15	5.5	t81	9	3.3	85.8
Marc Wilson, L.A. Raiders	266	152	57.1	2070	7.78	12	4.5	t47	8	3.0	84.6
Jim Kelly, Buffalo	419	250	59.7	2798	6.68	19	4.5	47	11	2.6	83.8
John Elway, Denver	410	224	54.6	3198	7.80	19	4.6	t72	12	2.9	83.4
Ken O'Brien, N.Y. Jets	393	234	59.5	2696	6.86	13	3.3	59	8	2.0	82.8
Jack Trudeau, Indianapolis	229	128	55.9	1587	6.93	6	2.6	55	6	2.6	75.4
Warren Moon, Houston	368	184	50.0	2806	7.63	21	5.7	t83	18	4.9	74.2

NFC LEADING PASSERS

	Att.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds.	Avg. Gain	TD	Pct. TD	Long	Int.	Pct. Int.	Rating
Joe Montana, San Francisco	398	266	66.8	3054	7.67	31	7.8	t57	13	3.3	102.1
Phil Simms, N.Y. Giants	282	163	57.8	2230	7.91	17	6.0	t50	9	3.2	90.0
Neil Lomax, St. Louis	463	275	59.4	3387	7.32	24	5.2	57	12	2.6	88.5
Jim McMahon, Chicago	210	125	59.5	1639	7.80	12	5.7	t59	8	3.8	87.4
Steve DeBerg, Tampa Bay	275	159	57.8	1891	6.88	14	5.1	t64	7	2.5	85.3
Randall Cunningham, Phil.	406	223	54.9	2786	6.86	23	5.7	t70	12	3.0	83.0
Bobby Hebert, New Orleans	294	164	55.8	2119	7.21	15	5.1	67	9	3.1	82.9
Wade Wilson, Minnesota	264	140	53.0	2106	7.98	14	5.3	t73	13	4.9	76.7
Danny White, Dallas	362	215	59.4	2617	7.23	12	3.3	43	17	4.7	73.2
Jay Schroeder, Washington	267	129	48.3	1878	7.03	12	4.5	t84	10	3.7	71.0

NFC LEADING RECEIVERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
J.T. Smith, St. Louis	91	1117	12.3	38	8
Roger Craig, San Francisco	66	492	7.5	35	1
Jerry Rice, San Francisco	65	1078	16.6	57	22
Herschel Walker, Dallas	60	715	11.9	44	1
Pete Mandley, Detroit	58	720	12.4	41	7
Gary Clark, Washington	56	1066	19.0	84	7
Mark Bavaro, N.Y. Giants	55	867	15.8	38	8
Henry Ellard, L.A. Rams	51	799	15.7	81	3
Neal Anderson, Chicago	47	467	9.9	59	3
Mike Quick, Philadelphia	46	790	17.2	61	11
Mike Renfro, Dallas	46	662	14.4	43	4

AFC LEADING PUNTERS

	No.	Yards	Long	Avg.
Ralf Mojsiejenko, San Diego	67	2875	57	42.9
Harry Newsome, Pittsburgh	64	2678	57	41.8
Scott Fulhage, Cincinnati	52	2168	58	41.7
Mike Horan, Denver	44	1807	61	41.1
Kelly Goodburn, Kansas City	59	2412	55	40.9
Stan Talley, L.A. Raiders	56	2277	63	40.7
Jeff Gossett, Cleveland-Houston	44	1777	55	40.4
Rich Camarillo, New England	62	2489	73	40.1
Ruben Rodriguez, Seattle	47	1880	63	40.0
Rohn Stark, Indianapolis	61	2440	63	40.0

NFC LEADING PUNTERS

	No.	Yards	Long	Avg.
Rick Donnelly, Atlanta	61	2686	62	44.0
Jim Arnold, Detroit	46	2007	60	43.6
Sean Landeta, N.Y. Giants	65	2773	64	42.7
Dale Hatcher, L.A. Rams	76	3140	62	41.3
Don Bracken, Green Bay	72	2947	65	40.9
Steve Cox, Washington	63	2571	77	40.8
Brian Hansen, New Orleans	52	2104	60	40.5
Greg Horne, Cincinnati-St. Louis	43	1730	57	40.2
Greg Coleman, Minnesota	45	1786	54	39.7
Mike Saxon, Dallas	68	2685	63	39.5

AFC LEADING PUNT RETURNERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Bobby Joe Edmonds, Seattle	20	251	12.6	40	0
Lionel James, San Diego	32	400	12.5	81	1
JoJo Townsell, N.Y. Jets	32	381	11.9	91	1
Gerald McNeil, Cleveland	34	386	11.4	40	0
Mike Martin, Cincinnati	28	277	9.9	21	0
Michael Clemons, Kansas City	19	162	8.5	44	0
Scott Schwedes, Miami	24	203	8.5	31	0
Kenny Johnson, Houston	24	196	8.2	26	0
Chris Woods, L.A. Raiders	26	189	7.3	34	0
Ron Pitts, Buffalo	23	149	6.5	19	0

NFC LEADING PUNT RETURNERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Mel Gray, New Orleans	24	352	14.7	80	0
Dana McLemore, San Francisco	21	265	12.6	83	1
Leo Lewis, Minnesota	22	275	12.5	78	1
Vai Sikahema, St. Louis	44	550	12.5	76	1
Pete Mandley, Detroit	23	250	10.9	54	0
Dennis McKinnon, Chicago	40	405	10.1	94	2
Kelvin Martin, Dallas	22	216	9.8	38	0
Phil McConkey, N.Y. Giants	42	394	9.4	37	0
Bobby Futrell, Tampa Bay	24	213	8.9	22	0
Billy Johnson, Atlanta	21	168	8.0	45	0

AFC LEADING KICKOFF RETURNERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Paul Palmer, Kansas City	38	923	24.3	95	2
Albert Bentley, Indianapolis	22	500	22.7	45	0
Vance Mueller, L.A. Raiders	27	588	21.8	46	0
Jamie Holland, San Diego	19	410	21.6	46	0
Bobby Joe Edmonds, Seattle	27	564	20.9	43	0
Dwight Stone, Pittsburgh	28	568	20.3	34	0
Gary Anderson, San Diego	22	433	19.7	31	0
Curtis Duncan, Houston	28	546	19.5	62	0
Stephen Starring, New England	23	445	19.3	43	0
Barney Bussey, Cincinnati	21	406	19.3	34	0

NFC LEADING KICKOFF RETURNERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Sylvester Stamps, Atlanta	24	660	27.5	97	1
Dennis Gentry, Chicago	25	621	24.8	88	1
Lee Rouson, N.Y. Giants	22	497	22.6	49	0
Gary Lee, Detroit	32	719	22.5	50	0
Neal Guggemos, Minnesota	36	808	22.4	42	0
Vai Sikahema, St. Louis	34	761	22.4	50	0
Darryl Clack, Dallas	29	635	21.9	48	0
Ron Brown, L.A. Rams	27	581	21.5	95	1
Brent Fullwood, Green Bay	24	510	21.3	46	0
Mel Gray, New Orleans	30	636	21.2	43	0

AFC LEADING INTERCEPTORS

	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Mike Prior, Indianapolis	6	57	38	0
Mark Kelso, Buffalo	6	25	12	0
Keith Bostic, Houston	6	-14	7	0
Dwayne Woodruff, Pittsburgh	5	91	33	1
Billy Ray Smith, San Diego	5	28	12	0
Vencie Glenn, San Diego	4	166	103	1
Felix Wright, Cleveland	4	152	68	1
Mike Harden, Denver	4	85	32	0
Domingo Bryant, Houston	4	75	29	0
Fred Marion, New England	4	53	25	0

NFC LEADING INTERCEPTORS

	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Barry Wilburn, Washington	9	135	100	1
James Griffin, Detroit	6	130	29	0
Joey Browner, Minnesota	6	67	23	0
Terry Kinard, N.Y. Giants	5	163	70	1
Dave Waymer, New Orleans	5	78	35	0
Reggie Sutton, New Orleans	5	68	26	0
Travis Curtis, St. Louis	5	65	31	0
Ronnie Lott, San Francisco	5	62	34	0
Everson Walls, Dallas	5	38	30	0
Don Griffin, San Francisco	5	1	1	0

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AFC RESULTS AND STANDINGS

BUFFALO BILLS

Sept. 13	N.Y. JETS	28-31
Sept. 20	HOUSTON	34-30
Sept. 27	at Dallas	DNP
Oct. 4	INDIANAPOLIS	6-47
Oct. 11	at New England	7-14
Oct. 18	N.Y. GIANTS*	6-3
Oct. 25	at Miami*	34-31
Nov. 1	WASHINGTON	7-27
Nov. 8	DENVER	21-14
Nov. 15	at Cleveland	21-27
Nov. 22	at N.Y. Jets	17-14
Nov. 29	MIAMI	27-0
Dec. 6	at L.A. Raiders	21-34
Dec. 13	at Indianapolis	27-3
Dec. 20	NEW ENGLAND	7-13
Dec. 27	at Philadelphia	7-17
W7 L8		270-305

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Sept. 13	at Indianapolis	23-21
Sept. 20	SAN FRANCISCO	26-27
Sept. 27	at L.A. Rams	DNP
Oct. 4	SAN DIEGO	9-10
Oct. 11	at Seattle	17-10
Oct. 18	CLEVELAND	0-34
Oct. 25	at Pittsburgh	20-23
Nov. 1	HOUSTON	29-31
Nov. 8	MIAMI	14-20
Nov. 15	at Atlanta	16-10
Nov. 22	PITTSBURGH	16-30
Nov. 29	at N.Y. Jets	20-27
Dec. 6	KANSAS CITY*	30-27
Dec. 13	at Cleveland	24-38
Dec. 20	NEW ORLEANS	24-41
Dec. 27	at Houston	17-21
W4 L11		285-370

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Sept. 13	at New Orleans	21-28
Sept. 20	PITTSBURGH	34-10
Sept. 28	DENVER (Mon.)	DNP
Oct. 4	at New England	20-10
Oct. 11	HOUSTON	10-15
Oct. 18	at Cincinnati	34-0
Oct. 26	L.A. RAMS (Mon.)	30-17
Nov. 1	at San Diego*	24-27
Nov. 8	ATLANTA	38-3
Nov. 15	BUFFALO	27-21
Nov. 22	at Houston	40-7
Nov. 29	at San Francisco	24-38
Dec. 6	INDIANAPOLIS	7-9
Dec. 13	CINCINNATI	38-24
Dec. 20	at L.A. Raiders	24-17
Dec. 26	at Pittsburgh (Sat.)	19-13
W10 L5		390-239

DENVER BRONCOS

Sept. 13	SEATTLE	40-17
Sept. 20	vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee*	17-17
Sept. 28	at Cleveland (Mon.)	DNP
Oct. 4	HOUSTON	10-40
Oct. 12	L.A. RAIDERS (Mon.)	30-14
Oct. 18	at Kansas City	26-17
Oct. 25	at Minnesota	27-34
Nov. 1	DETROIT	34-0
Nov. 8	at Buffalo	14-21
Nov. 16	CHICAGO (Mon.)	31-29
Nov. 22	at L.A. Raiders	23-17
Nov. 29	at San Diego	31-17
Dec. 6	NEW ENGLAND	31-20
Dec. 13	at Seattle	21-28
Dec. 19	KANSAS CITY (Sat.)	20-17
Dec. 27	SAN DIEGO	24-0
W10 L4 T1		379-288

HOUSTON OILERS

Sept. 13	L.A. RAMS	20-16
Sept. 20	at Buffalo	30-34
Sept. 27	L.A. RAIDERS	DNP
Oct. 4	at Denver	40-10
Oct. 11	at Cleveland	15-10
Oct. 18	NEW ENGLAND	7-21
Oct. 25	ATLANTA	37-33
Nov. 1	at Cincinnati	31-29
Nov. 8	at San Francisco	20-27
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh	23-3
Nov. 22	CLEVELAND	7-40
Nov. 29	at Indianapolis	27-51
Dec. 6	SAN DIEGO	33-18
Dec. 13	at New Orleans	10-24
Dec. 20	PITTSBURGH	24-16
Dec. 27	CINCINNATI	21-17
W9 L6		345-349

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Sept. 13	CINCINNATI	21-23
Sept. 20	MIAMI	10-23
Sept. 27	at St. Louis	DNP
Oct. 4	at Buffalo	47-6
Oct. 11	N.Y. JETS	6-0
Oct. 18	at Pittsburgh	7-21
Oct. 25	NEW ENGLAND	30-16
Nov. 1	at N.Y. Jets	19-14
Nov. 8	SAN DIEGO	13-16
Nov. 15	at Miami	40-21
Nov. 22	at New England	0-24
Nov. 29	HOUSTON	51-27
Dec. 6	at Cleveland	9-7
Dec. 13	BUFFALO	3-27
Dec. 20	at San Diego	20-7
Dec. 27	TAMPA BAY	24-6
W9 L6		300-238

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sept. 13	SAN DIEGO	20-13
Sept. 20	at Seattle	14-43
Sept. 27	MINNESOTA	DNP
Oct. 4	at L.A. Raiders	17-35
Oct. 11	at Miami	0-42
Oct. 18	DENVER	17-26
Oct. 25	at San Diego	21-42
Nov. 1	at Chicago	28-31
Nov. 8	PITTSBURGH	16-17
Nov. 15	N.Y. JETS	9-16
Nov. 22	GREEN BAY	3-23
Nov. 26	at Detroit (Thanks.)	27-20
Dec. 6	at Cincinnati*	27-30
Dec. 13	L.A. RAIDERS	16-10
Dec. 19	at Denver (Sat.)	17-20
Dec. 27	SEATTLE	41-20
W4 L11		273-388

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

Sept. 13	at Green Bay	20-0
Sept. 20	DETROIT	27-7
Sept. 27	at Houston	DNP
Oct. 4	KANSAS CITY	35-17
Oct. 12	at Denver (Mon.)	14-30
Oct. 18	SAN DIEGO	17-23
Oct. 25	SEATTLE	13-35
Nov. 1	at New England	23-26
Nov. 8	at Minnesota	20-31
Nov. 15	at San Diego	14-16
Nov. 22	DENVER	17-23
Nov. 30	at Seattle (Mon.)	37-14
Dec. 6	BUFFALO	34-21
Dec. 13	at Kansas City	10-16
Dec. 20	CLEVELAND	17-24
Dec. 27	CHICAGO	3-6
W5 L10		301-289

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sept. 13	at New England	21-28
Sept. 20	at Indianapolis	23-10
Sept. 27	N.Y. GIANTS	DNP
Oct. 4	at Seattle	20-24
Oct. 11	KANSAS CITY	42-0
Oct. 18	at N.Y. Jets*	31-37
Oct. 25	BUFFALO*	31-34
Nov. 1	PITTSBURGH	35-24
Nov. 8	at Cincinnati	20-14
Nov. 15	INDIANAPOLIS	21-40
Nov. 22	at Dallas	20-14
Nov. 29	at Buffalo	0-27
Dec. 7	N.Y. JETS (Mon.)	37-28
Dec. 13	at Philadelphia	28-10
Dec. 20	WASHINGTON	23-21
Dec. 28	NEW ENGLAND (Mon.)	10-24
W8 L7		362-335

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Sept. 13	MIAMI	28-21
Sept. 21	at N.Y. Jets (Mon.)	24-43
Sept. 27	at Washington	DNP
Oct. 4	CLEVELAND	10-20
Oct. 11	BUFFALO	14-7
Oct. 18	at Houston	21-7
Oct. 25	at Indianapolis	16-30
Nov. 1	L.A. RAIDERS	26-23
Nov. 8	at N.Y. Giants	10-17
Nov. 15	DALLAS*	17-23
Nov. 22	INDIANAPOLIS	24-0
Nov. 29	PHILADELPHIA*	31-34
Dec. 6	at Denver	20-31
Dec. 13	N.Y. JETS	42-20
Dec. 20	at Buffalo	13-7
Dec. 28	at Miami (Mon.)	24-10
W8 L7		320-293

NEW YORK JETS

Sept. 13	at Buffalo	31-28
Sept. 21	NEW ENGLAND (Mon.)	43-24
Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh	DNP
Oct. 4	DALLAS	24-38
Oct. 11	at Indianapolis	0-6
Oct. 18	MIAMI*	37-31
Oct. 25	at Washington	16-17
Nov. 1	INDIANAPOLIS	14-19
Nov. 9	SEATTLE (Mon.)	30-14
Nov. 15	at Kansas City	16-9
Nov. 22	BUFFALO	14-17
Nov. 29	CINCINNATI	27-20
Dec. 7	at Miami (Mon.)	28-37
Dec. 13	at New England	20-42
Dec. 20	PHILADELPHIA	27-38
Dec. 27	at N.Y. Giants	7-20
W6 L9		334-360

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Sept. 13	SAN FRANCISCO	30-17
Sept. 20	at Cleveland	10-34
Sept. 27	N.Y. JETS	DNP
Oct. 4	at Atlanta	28-12
Oct. 11	at L.A. Rams	21-31
Oct. 18	INDIANAPOLIS	21-7
Oct. 25	CINCINNATI	23-20
Nov. 1	at Miami	24-35
Nov. 8	at Kansas City	17-16
Nov. 15	HOUSTON	3-23
Nov. 22	at Cincinnati	30-16
Nov. 29	NEW ORLEANS	16-20
Dec. 6	SEATTLE	13-9
Dec. 13	at San Diego	20-16
Dec. 20	at Houston	16-24
Dec. 26	CLEVELAND (Sat.)	13-19
W8 L7		285-299

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Sept. 13	at Kansas City	13-20
Sept. 20	ST. LOUIS	28-24
Sept. 27	SEATTLE	DNP
Oct. 4	at Cincinnati	10-9
Oct. 11	at Tampa Bay	17-13
Oct. 18	at L.A. Raiders	23-17
Oct. 25	KANSAS CITY	42-21
Nov. 1	CLEVELAND*	27-24
Nov. 8	at Indianapolis	16-13
Nov. 15	L.A. RAIDERS	16-14
Nov. 22	at Seattle	3-34
Nov. 29	DENVER	17-31
Dec. 6	at Houston	18-33
Dec. 13	PITTSBURGH	16-20
Dec. 20	INDIANAPOLIS	7-20
Dec. 27	at Denver	0-24
W8 L7		253-317

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sept. 13	at Denver	17-40
Sept. 20	KANSAS CITY	43-14
Sept. 27	at San Diego	DNP
Oct. 4	MIAMI	24-20
Oct. 11	CINCINNATI	10-17
Oct. 18	at Detroit	37-14
Oct. 25	at L.A. Raiders	35-13
Nov. 1	MINNESOTA	28-17
Nov. 9	at N.Y. Jets (Mon.)	14-30
Nov. 15	GREEN BAY	24-13
Nov. 22	SAN DIEGO	34-3
Nov. 30	L.A. RAIDERS (Mon.)	14-37
Dec. 6	at Pittsburgh	9-13
Dec. 13	DENVER	28-21
Dec. 20	at Chicago	34-21
Dec. 27	at Kansas City	20-41
W9 L6		371-314

1987 AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	300	238
New England	8	7	0	.533	320	293
Miami	8	7	0	.533	362	335
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	270	305
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	334	360

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cleveland	10	5	0	.667	390	239
Houston	9	6	0	.600	345	349
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	285	299
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	285	370

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	10	4	1	.700	379	288
Seattle	9	6	0	.600	371	314
San Diego	8	7	0	.533	253	317
L.A. Raiders	5	10	0	.333	301	289
Kansas City	4	11	0	.267	273	388

Wild Card Game
Houston 23, Seattle 20 (OT)
Divisional Playoffs
Cleveland 38, Indianapolis 21
Denver 34, Houston 10
Championship Game
Denver 38, Cleveland 33

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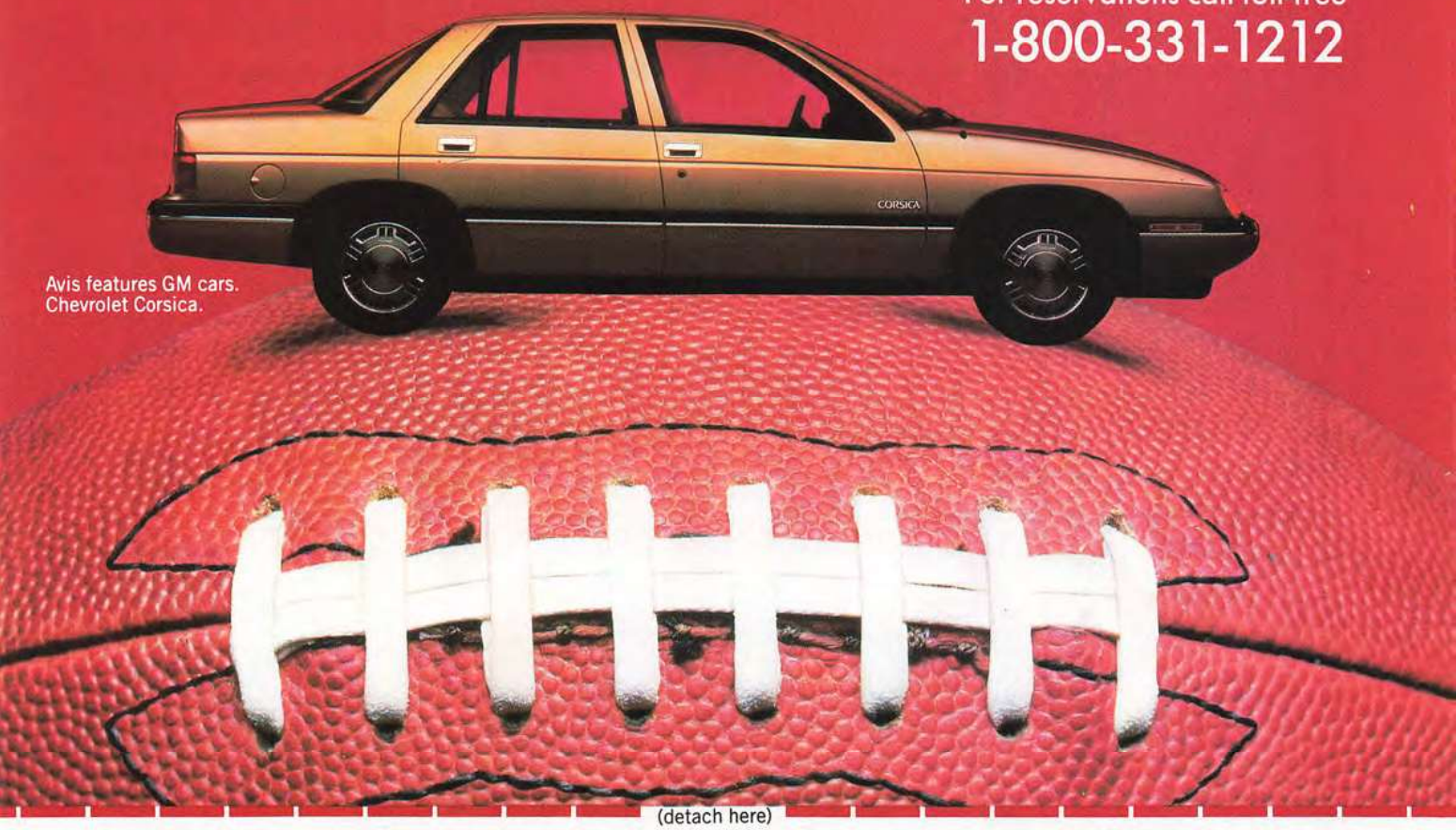

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1987 REPLAY

NFC RESULTS AND STANDINGS

ATLANTA FALCONS

Sept. 13	at Tampa Bay	10-48
Sept. 20	WASHINGTON	21-20
Sept. 27	at New Orleans	DNP
Oct. 4	PITTSBURGH	12-28
Oct. 11	at San Francisco	17-25
Oct. 18	L.A. RAMS	24-20
Oct. 25	at Houston	33-37
Nov. 1	NEW ORLEANS	0-38
Nov. 8	at Cleveland	3-38
Nov. 15	CINCINNATI	10-16
Nov. 22	at Minnesota	13-24
Nov. 29	ST. LOUIS	21-34
Dec. 6	at Dallas	21-10
Dec. 13	at L.A. Rams	0-33
Dec. 20	SAN FRANCISCO	7-35
Dec. 27	DETROIT	13-30
W3 L12		205-436

CHICAGO BEARS

Sept. 14	N.Y. GIANTS (Mon.)	34-19
Sept. 20	TAMPA BAY	20-3
Sept. 27	at Detroit	DNP
Oct. 4	at Philadelphia	35-3
Oct. 11	MINNESOTA	27-7
Oct. 18	NEW ORLEANS	17-19
Oct. 25	at Tampa Bay	27-26
Nov. 1	KANSAS CITY	31-28
Nov. 8	at Green Bay	26-24
Nov. 16	at Denver (Mon.)	29-31
Nov. 22	DETROIT	30-10
Nov. 29	GREEN BAY	23-10
Dec. 6	at Minnesota	30-24
Dec. 14	at San Francisco (Mon.)	0-41
Dec. 20	SEATTLE	21-34
Dec. 27	at L.A. Raiders	6-3
W11 L4		356-282

DALLAS COWBOYS

Sept. 13	at St. Louis	13-24
Sept. 20	at N.Y. Giants	16-14
Sept. 27	BUFFALO	DNP
Oct. 4	at N.Y. Jets	38-24
Oct. 11	PHILADELPHIA	41-22
Oct. 19	WASHINGTON (Mon.)	7-13
Oct. 25	at Philadelphia	20-37
Nov. 2	N.Y. GIANTS (Mon.)	33-24
Nov. 8	at Detroit	17-27
Nov. 15	at New England*	23-17
Nov. 22	MIAMI	14-20
Nov. 26	MINNESOTA (Thanks.)*	38-44
Dec. 6	ATLANTA	10-21
Dec. 13	at Washington	20-24
Dec. 21	at L.A. Rams (Mon.)	29-21
Dec. 27	ST. LOUIS	21-16
W7 L8		340-348

DETROIT LIONS

Sept. 13	at Minnesota	19-34
Sept. 20	at L.A. Raiders	7-27
Sept. 27	CHICAGO	DNP
Oct. 4	TAMPA BAY	27-31
Oct. 11	at Green Bay*	19-16
Oct. 18	SEATTLE	14-37
Oct. 25	GREEN BAY	33-34
Nov. 1	at Denver	0-34
Nov. 8	DALLAS	27-17
Nov. 15	at Washington	13-20
Nov. 22	at Chicago	10-30
Nov. 26	KANSAS CITY (Thanks.)	20-27
Dec. 6	L.A. RAMS	16-37
Dec. 13	at Tampa Bay	20-10
Dec. 20	MINNESOTA	14-17
Dec. 27	at Atlanta	30-13
W4 L11		269-384

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Sept. 13	L.A. RAIDERS	0-20
Sept. 20	DENVER at Milwaukee*	17-17
Sept. 27	at Tampa Bay	DNP
Oct. 4	at Minnesota	23-16
Oct. 11	DETROIT*	16-19
Oct. 18	PHILADELPHIA*	16-10
Oct. 25	at Detroit	34-33
Nov. 1	TAMPA BAY at Milwaukee	17-23
Nov. 8	CHICAGO	24-26
Nov. 15	at Seattle	13-24
Nov. 22	at Kansas City	23-3
Nov. 29	at Chicago	10-23
Dec. 6	SAN FRANCISCO	12-23
Dec. 13	MINNESOTA at Mil.	16-10
Dec. 19	at N.Y. Giants (Sat.)	10-20
Dec. 27	at New Orleans	24-33
W5 L9 T1		255-300

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Sept. 13	at Houston	16-20
Sept. 20	MINNESOTA	16-21
Sept. 27	CINCINNATI	DNP
Oct. 4	at New Orleans	10-37
Oct. 11	PITTSBURGH	31-21
Oct. 18	at Atlanta	20-24
Oct. 26	at Cleveland (Mon.)	17-30
Nov. 1	SAN FRANCISCO	10-31
Nov. 8	NEW ORLEANS	14-31
Nov. 15	at St. Louis	27-24
Nov. 23	at Washington (Mon.)	30-26
Nov. 29	TAMPA BAY	35-3
Dec. 6	at Detroit	37-16
Dec. 13	ATLANTA	33-0
Dec. 21	DALLAS (Mon.)	21-29
Dec. 27	at San Francisco	0-48
W6 L9		317-361

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Sept. 13	DETROIT	34-19
Sept. 20	at L.A. Rams	21-16
Sept. 27	at Kansas City	DNP
Oct. 4	GREEN BAY	16-23
Oct. 11	at Chicago	7-27
Oct. 18	TAMPA BAY	10-20
Oct. 25	DENVER	34-27
Nov. 1	at Seattle	17-28
Nov. 8	L.A. RAIDERS	31-20
Nov. 15	at Tampa Bay	23-17
Nov. 22	ATLANTA	24-13
Nov. 26	at Dallas (Thanks.)*	44-38
Dec. 6	CHICAGO	24-30
Dec. 13	vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	10-16
Dec. 20	at Detroit	17-14
Dec. 26	WASHINGTON (Sat.)*	24-27
W8 L7		336-335

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sept. 13	CLEVELAND	28-21
Sept. 20	at Philadelphia	17-27
Sept. 27	ATLANTA	DNP
Oct. 4	L.A. RAMS	37-10
Oct. 11	at St. Louis	19-24
Oct. 18	at Chicago	19-17
Oct. 25	SAN FRANCISCO	22-24
Nov. 1	at Atlanta	38-0
Nov. 8	at L.A. Rams	31-14
Nov. 15	at San Francisco	26-24
Nov. 22	N.Y. GIANTS	23-14
Nov. 29	at Pittsburgh	20-16
Dec. 6	TAMPA BAY	44-34
Dec. 13	HOUSTON	24-10
Dec. 20	at Cincinnati	41-24
Dec. 27	GREEN BAY	33-24
W12 L3		422-283

NEW YORK GIANTS

Sept. 14	at Chicago (Mon.)	19-34
Sept. 20	DALLAS	14-16
Sept. 27	at Miami	DNP
Oct. 5	SAN FRANCISCO (Mon.)	21-41
Oct. 11	WASHINGTON	12-38
Oct. 18	at Buffalo*	3-6
Oct. 25	ST. LOUIS	30-7
Nov. 2	at Dallas (Mon.)	24-33
Nov. 8	NEW ENGLAND	17-10
Nov. 15	at Philadelphia	20-17
Nov. 22	at New Orleans	14-23
Nov. 29	at Washington	19-23
Dec. 6	PHILADELPHIA*	23-20
Dec. 13	at St. Louis	24-27
Dec. 19	GREEN BAY (Sat.)	20-10
Dec. 27	N.Y. JETS	20-7
W6 L9		280-312

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Sept. 13	at Washington	24-34
Sept. 20	NEW ORLEANS	27-17
Sept. 27	at San Francisco	DNP
Oct. 4	CHICAGO	3-35
Oct. 11	at Dallas	22-41
Oct. 18	at Green Bay*	10-16
Oct. 25	DALLAS	37-20
Nov. 1	at St. Louis	28-23
Nov. 8	WASHINGTON	31-27
Nov. 15	N.Y. GIANTS	17-20
Nov. 22	ST. LOUIS	19-31
Nov. 29	at New England*	34-31
Dec. 6	at N.Y. Giants*	20-23
Dec. 13	MIAMI	10-28
Dec. 20	at N.Y. Jets	38-27
Dec. 27	BUFFALO	17-7
W7 L8		337-380

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Sept. 13	DALLAS	24-13
Sept. 20	at San Diego	24-28
Sept. 27	INDIANAPOLIS	DNP
Oct. 4	at Washington	21-28
Oct. 11	NEW ORLEANS	24-19
Oct. 18	at San Francisco	28-34
Oct. 25	at N.Y. Giants	7-30
Nov. 1	PHILADELPHIA	23-28
Nov. 8	TAMPA BAY	31-28
Nov. 15	L.A. RAMS	24-27
Nov. 22	at Philadelphia	31-19
Nov. 29	at Atlanta	34-21
Dec. 6	WASHINGTON	17-34
Dec. 13	N.Y. GIANTS	27-24
Dec. 20	at Tampa Bay	31-14
Dec. 27	at Dallas	16-21
W7 L8		362-368

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Sept. 13	at Pittsburgh	17-30
Sept. 20	at Cincinnati	27-26
Sept. 27	PHILADELPHIA	DNP
Oct. 5	at N.Y. Giants (Mon.)	41-21
Oct. 11	ATLANTA	25-17
Oct. 18	ST. LOUIS	34-28
Oct. 25	at New Orleans	24-22
Nov. 1	at L.A. Rams	31-10
Nov. 8	HOUSTON	27-20
Nov. 15	NEW ORLEANS	24-26
Nov. 22	at Tampa Bay	24-10
Nov. 29	CLEVELAND	38-24
Dec. 6	at Green Bay	23-12
Dec. 14	CHICAGO (Mon.)	41-0
Dec. 20	at Atlanta	35-7
Dec. 27	L.A. RAMS	48-0
W13 L2		459-253

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Sept. 13	ATLANTA	48-10
Sept. 20	at Chicago	3-20
Sept. 27	GREEN BAY	DNP
Oct. 4	at Detroit	31-27
Oct. 11	SAN DIEGO	13-17
Oct. 18	at Minnesota	20-10
Oct. 25	CHICAGO	26-27
Nov. 1	vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	23-17
Nov. 8	at St. Louis	28-31
Nov. 15	MINNESOTA	17-23
Nov. 22	SAN FRANCISCO	10-24
Nov. 29	at L.A. Rams	3-35
Dec. 6	at New Orleans	34-44
Dec. 13	DETROIT	10-20
Dec. 20	ST. LOUIS	14-31
Dec. 27	at Indianapolis	6-24
W4 L11		286-360

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Sept. 13	PHILADELPHIA	34-24
Sept. 20	at Atlanta	20-21
Sept. 27	NEW ENGLAND	DNP
Oct. 4	ST. LOUIS	28-21
Oct. 11	at N.Y. Giants	38-12
Oct. 19	at Dallas (Mon.)	13-7
Oct. 25	N.Y. JETS	17-16
Nov. 1	at Buffalo	27-7
Nov. 8	at Philadelphia	27-31
Nov. 15	DETROIT	20-13
Nov. 23	L.A. RAMS (Mon.)	26-30
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS	23-19
Dec. 6	at St. Louis	34-17
Dec. 13	DALLAS	24-20
Dec. 20	at Miami	21-23
Dec. 26	at Minnesota (Sat.)*	27-24
W11 L4		379-285

1987 NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Washington	11	4	0	.733	379	285
St. Louis	7	8	0	.467	362	368
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	340	348
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	337	380
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	280	312

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Chicago	11	4	0	.733	356	282
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	336	335
Green Bay	5	9	1	.367	255	300
Tampa Bay	4	11	0	.267	286	360
Detroit	4	11	0	.267	269	384

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	459	253
New Orleans	12	3	0	.800	422	283
L.A. Rams	6	9	0	.400	317	361
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	205	436

Wild Card Game
Minnesota 44, New Orleans 10

Divisional Playoffs
Minnesota 36, San Francisco 24
Washington 21, Chicago 17

Championship Game
Washington 17, Minnesota 10

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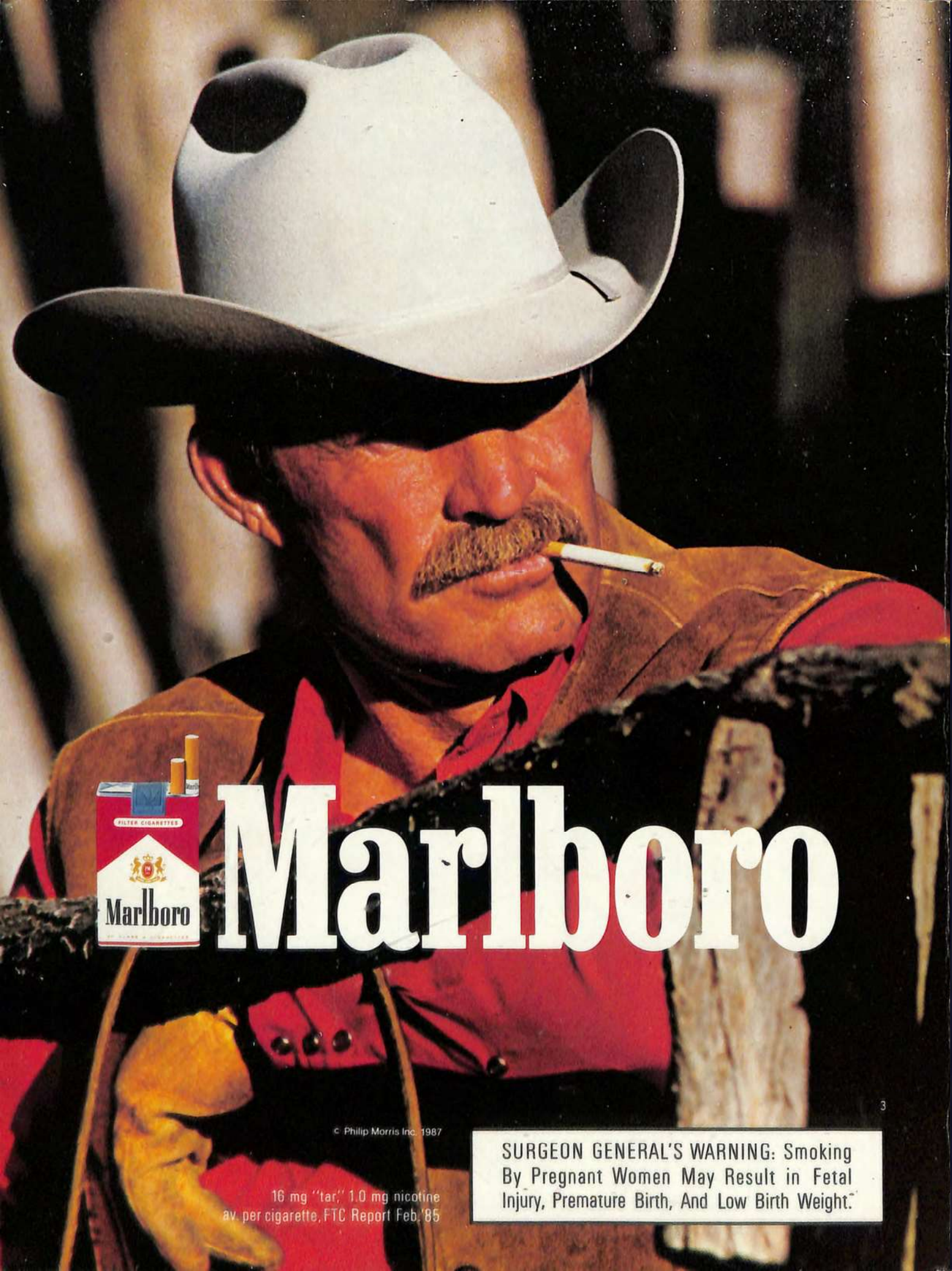

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